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GWEN STEFANI photographed on the cover and at right by Jan Welters. This page: Valentino Haute Couture dress, headband, and belt.



GWEN STEFANI

With a heartbreaking year in the rearview mirror, the Voice star is back to feeling hella good. Bursting with renewed energy, she brings us up to speed on her new solo album, multiple fashion collaborations, and life at home with her three boys. BY SARA MESLE







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MAN OF STYLE

Matthias Schoenaerts (The Danish Girl) says he doesn't follow fashion rules, yet the results are still compelling. Posing in his hometown of Antwerp, the ruggedly handsome actor gives winter staples a dashing new twist.





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Scope Out Our **Editor-at-Large's Feeds!**

InStyle's Kahlana Barfield jets from coast to coast to cover the hottest cultural events, major fashion and beauty launches, and the year's biggest awards shows. Here, she dishes on the apps she uses to stay connected and the accounts topping her social sphere.





APPS MEME FACTORY AND SHOP STYLE

"I use Meme Factory to send jokes, and Shop Style lets you browse a personalized feed of clothes and accessories?



INSTAGRAM @MONICAROSESTYLE

"I enjoy buying gifts for little ones during the holidays, and stylist Monica Rose has the trendiest kids. I look to her account for inspiration."



SNAPCHAT RIHANNA

"She's completely raw. I love a girl who can be herself and have fun. I also don't mind seeing her off-duty outfits.'



Chat with InStyle Editorial Director Ariel Foxman!

Mark your cal for 3 p.m. EST on November 17our editor is answering your questions about our December issue on InStyle's Facebook page.

December's Featured Grammers

CATCH A GUST OF WANDERLUST

Coco Rocha, model and subject of our Life, Etc. home tour, spills her travel secrets.



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Walk through Rocha's suburban New York home in "Coco Flavor," p. 303.

RE A MODEL CITIZEN

Calvin Klein Collection creative director Francisco Costa shares snaps of how models prep for the catwalk.



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@costafrancisco Backstage S16 Calvin Klein Collection #calvinkleinlive Learn how Costa is raising awareness to fight HIV in "Shining Stars," p. 262.

NAB A FRONT-ROW SEAT

Didn't score tickets to Katy Perry's show? Follow the Prism singer for performance shots from her latest tour.



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Master Perry's behind-the-scenes makeup tips in Beauty Talk, p. 195.



INSIDE InStyle EDITOR'S NOTE



Full Circle

We're calling it: 2015 was the Year of the Dress. So many of the past year's most worthy fashion moments focused on frocks. Consider the firestorm ignited by a certain white-andgold (or was it black-and-blue?) dress, the drama surrounding Lupita Nyong'o's stolen faux pearl-encrusted Oscars gown, and the many fleshbaring designs at this year's Met Ball. Our annual "Style 100" (p. 77) chronicles all the news that's fit to wear and all the hype that's fit to side-eye. And our exploration brings us to the here and now—the season of giving. We turned to friend and social entrepreneur Lauren Bush Lauren to interview five celebrities about their most heartfelt causes in "Shining Stars" (p. 262). Among them: Natalie Portman, an ambassador for Free the Children. "The education of a young girl affects so many other things," says the actress, who has worked with the international group for four years. "You can plant this one seed and watch it grow." Here's

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to a most fruitful holiday season!













WHERE THE GIFTS ARE

Cover Shoot Confidential

Looking every bit the rock star, **Gwen Stefani** arrived at our Canyon Country, Calif., set in a cut-off T that read "Everyone Loves an Italian Girl," slouchy Comme des Garçons trousers, and a flash of red lipstick. By her side? Her 22-month-old son, Apollo, who showed off his adorbs dance moves when she gave us a preview of her new song, "Used to Love You."



RIGHT ON POINT

Stefani has an eye for killer heels (she strode in on her own sky-high L.A.M.B. designs), so it didn't take long for her to spot these Louboutins. The blue hue was specially made for shoots, but you can snap them up in sleek black.

> Leather pumps, \$995; available in black at Christian Louboutin. 312-337-8200

CANDY CRUSH

When Stefani whipped out her phone to capture the sprawling set, we caught a glimpse of her sweet case decked out in dekoden, a Japanese decorating trend known for whimsical 3-D designs.



You Asked. Gwen Answered

You're an amazing performer. What's going through your head onstage? —JORDAN CHIODO. Howell, Mich.

I concentrate A on the words and what I was feeling when I wrote them, but I'm also thinking about my shoes and eating pizza after the show.

BEHIND the Seams

A designer herself for more than a decade, Stefani loved getting up close with intricate couture creations. Here's a peek at what makes some of her faves so special.



- 1. ATELIER VERSACE The hand-cut chiffon petals and Swarovski crystals on this cascading headband made our cover girl "feel like a goddess."
- 2. CAROLINA HERRERA It took two weeks to embroider the 2,000-plus appliqués on this look. And we nabbed it just days after its big NYFW début.
- 3. VALENTINO HAUTE COUTURE The singer was intrigued by Alessandro Gaggio's heritage jewelry featuring symbols of ancient Rome.



COVER CREDITS cropped top and skirt CAROLINA HERRERA necklace BULGARI (worn as wrap bracelet) photographed for InStyle by JAN WELTERS styled by JOANNE BLADES hair DANILO makeup GREGORY ARLT manicure KATT HASSAN



Behind the Scenes

Exactly what went into the making of this month's issue

ON SET

A Fresh Crop

P. 254 Just days after having her long strands chopped into a chic bob, actress Tessa Thompson showed up on our set ready to experiment with her new do. Enter pro Mark Townsend, who played with her natural texture to create soft, voluminous curls. "Feeling fancy from head to toe," she said.



Thompson's damp hair to seal in moisture. As it dried, he twisted and shaped her curls with his fingers. 2 For even more definition, he wrapped face-framing sections around a 1-inch curling iron. **3** After letting strands cool, he misted a finishing spray all over to help relax any flyaways.

Dove Quench Absolute Supreme Crème Serum, \$6; at Target. Harry Josh Pro Tools 2-in-1 Ceramic Marcel Curling Iron, \$175; dermstore.com. Living Proof No Frizz Weightless Styling Spray, \$26/3.4 fl. oz.; livingproof.com.



BEFORE

OUTTAKES

P. 114 Actor Matthias Schoenaerts may be this month's Man of Style, but he's also a man of the pooches. While posing on the beach in his native Antwerp, he paused to take selfies with adoring locals and give some love to a rogue four-legged friend who interrupted a shot. Swoon.





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JAN WELTERS

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Describe Gwen Stefani in two words Decisive, stunning. **Go-to subject** My kids [ages 5 and 10], but I have to shoot them quickly because they can't sit still for more than a few minutes. Favorite



photo-editing app Cropic (free; available on iTunes) is the best for cropping

photos before uploading them to Instagram. First job When I was 22 years old, I got a gig at Blitz, the now-defunct British culture magazine. Where you've seen his work Details, Elle, Marie Claire, Vanity Fair, Vogue. **Thoughts** on selfies I have no objection, as long as they're taken with a selfie stick.



MÉLANIE INGLESSIS

@melaniemakeup Makeup Artist, LOVELY DAY, p. 254

Where she finds inspiration I'm a big fan of midcentury-modern architecture. Her clients include Amber Heard, Kate Hudson, Olivia Wilde. Most challenging assignment Applying Swarovski crystals to Björk's face for the Fashion Rocks show in 2003 [below]. It took five people four hours to finish. Biggest beauty indulgence A mask by La Mer. It leaves your skin feeling soft and smooth. Makeup maxim Be adventurous with color and have fun!







JOHAN SANDBERG

@studiojohansandberg Photographer, SHINING STARS, p. 262

Preparation technique I always extensively research the people I'm shooting in order to familiarize myself with them. I

scroll through their Instagrams, watch their movies, and listen to their music. How he got his start When I was growing up, I always had a camera in hand. I'd create albums of my family and girlfriend.

First camera he ever owned An old Minolta 35mm. I borrowed it from my father. If he weren't a photographer I'm an avid animal lover, so I'd probably be a veterinarian.





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEGGAN CRUM

@meggancrum ACCESSORIES DIRECTOR

Background "I've always loved fashion," says Crum, who studied theater and costume design at the University of California, Santa Cruz, before landing an assistant gig with renowned stylist Edward Enninful. **Describe** your job "Meeting with designers, prepping accessories stories for the magazine and InStyle.com, and fielding hundreds of emails." Thoughts on flats versus heels "Heels when I have to, but I prefer flats. I'm a fan of Balenciaga's and Common Projects'." On her holiday wish list The Apple Watch Hermès. "It fuses tech with classic fashion."



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Food for Thought

No one understands the power of paying it forward quite like FEED founder and CEO **Lauren Bush Lauren**. We tapped the designer, entrepreneur, and all-around inspiration to take a seat at the *InStyle* news desk as special correspondent for our annual Shining Stars portfolio

lmost nine years ago I started my business with the idea that a single person can make a difference in the fight against world hunger," says Bush Lauren, who interviewed Francisco Costa, Tony Goldwyn, Kate Hudson, John Legend, and Natalie Portman for our feature. "The same spirit is reflected in this year's gathering of Shining Stars, not just at the holidays but throughout the year." We couldn't agree more. You've teamed up with influencers from various industries over the years.

What's so rewarding about working with this group? All of them are so committed to the cause they're involved in. It isn't a PR stunt or something they do on the side—it's truly who they are and what they believe in. I came out of each interview feeling very hopeful and happy.

Which star were you most excited to chat with? It was nice to sit down with friends like John Legend and Natalie Portman, and I really enjoyed speaking for the first time to fellow anti-hunger activist Kate Hudson [who supports the World Food Program]. I was moved by the passion each of them has



🖸 @laurenblauren Writer, SHINING STARS, p. 262

for combating suffering and fighting for social justice. You're approaching a decade of helming your own company, one that exemplifies conscious consumerism. What sets FEED apart? We're unique in that we are a social business. When we create products, we make sure every one has a number on it. That number signifies the quantity of meals we are able to donate when we sell that particular piece.

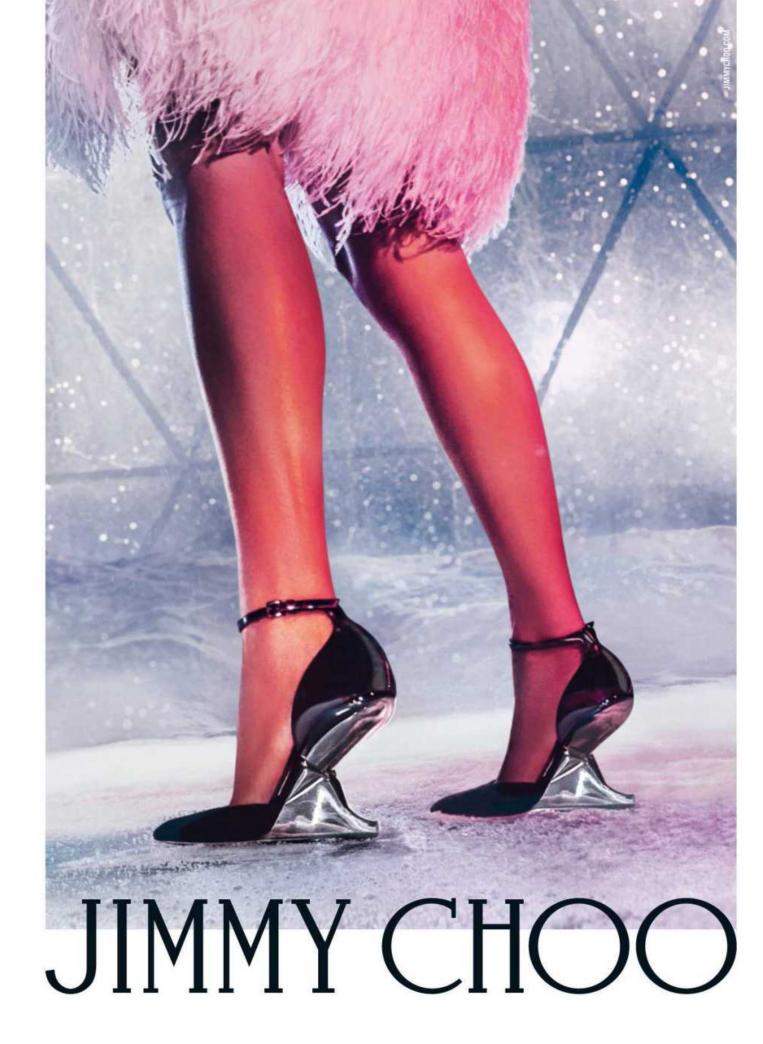
How do your customers engage with your products during the holiday season? It's incredible how our brand is used as a way to give a gift to a loved one while also providing nutrition to those in need. Unfortunately, 805 million people in the world are hungry, yet it's an issue that can be solved. We know what people need, and we know how to feed them. We've made great progress, but there's still more to be done.



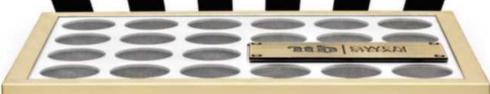
CHOOSE A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

Here's a splurge you won't have to secondguess: Proceeds from each bag in FEED's holiday collection supply 25 to 40 school meals for children around the world. Plus, the sturdy canvas is strong enough for that friend who totes her life around on her arm. A laptop, an iPad, a train read, and gym clothes will all fit—trust us, we've tried it.

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How You Can Help

Maybe you can't spend weeks traveling to remote locations on charitable missions, but there are still plenty of ways to pitch in throughout the year. Take a cue from these five dedicated celebrities who are lending their time to worthy causes



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Free the Children is dedicated to eliminating youth exploitation around the world by increasing educational opportunities. Instead of doling out tons of gift cards this holiday season, buy your presents from the organization's "Gifts That Empower" catalogue: \$25 gives a kit of school essentials to a child, and \$125 supplies clean water to a family for life (freethechildren.org).



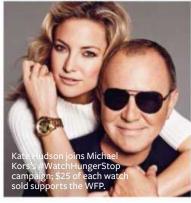
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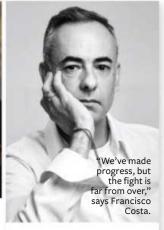


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WeHearYou

"Sofía Vergara is undeniably gorgeous, but her sex appeal goes way beyond her looks. The October cover story proves that she's funny, smart, and incredibly hardworking."

—EMMY GUSTAFSON, Denver



WEEKEND WITH THE FAM

As an avid Modern Family fan, I was so happy to see Sofía Vergara featured in October. The story prompted me to binge-watch the entire series from start to finish.

-PAIGE SCHULTZ, Oshkosh, Wis.

PRINCESS LEA

Lea Michele was the perfect subject to kick off the new backpage column [September's I Am That Girl]. She seems so downto-earth, and I admire how she gave such honest answers about her self-esteem when she was growing up and her anxieties as a woman in Hollywood. As I enter a new profession, I plan to heed her advice to maintain a confident and positive attitude.

-MARISSA FABROS, New York

TOO BRIT TO QUIT

Sometimes actresses fall flat in interviews, but Brit Marling [October's "Daydreamer"] surely isn't one of them. The Q&A highlighted her straight-shooting personality. And the accompanying portraits? Beautifully done. —ALEXANDRA FIELDS,

Memphis, Tenn.

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"Relaxing on the terrace and soaking up the view in Cinque Terre with my August issue in hand." -MICHELE SALATINO, Stamford, Conn.



LJUBLJANA,

SLOVENIA

"Sofía Vergara and I scoped out Preseren Square.' -STEPHANIE LOSEE,

San Francisco

LAKE TITICACA, **PERU**

"Getting my fashion news while visiting the floating Uros islands!" -G.G. COLLINS. Beachwood, Ohio

GREAT LOOKS, FAUX REAL

As a staunch supporter of crueltyfree fashion, I was overjoyed to see a range of faux-fur coats in the October issue [Your Look Q&A]. Thank you for offering stylish and environmentally conscious options.

-LORI THOMAS, Asheville, N.C.

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WHAT I DID

Florals aren't just for spring and summer. With dark hues and mismatched motifs, the botanical prints in October's Deals & Steals can also work in cold-weather months. I love the textural contrast of this **brocade skirt** with my embellished pumps. The metallic details on both really make the whole outfit pop!





YOU INSTAGRAMMED @beautyjenie #shellac #cityscape #blackpool #instyleyourlook Taking a cue from the Your Look special issue, makeup and hair artist (and InStyle reader) Allison Watson grammed a photo of her client's black-and-white French mani using the hashtag #instyleyourlook, eliciting a slew of Likes and even a handful of appointment bookings.

Saumya Shiohare Bethesda, Md.

WHAT I DID When I shop, I choose pieces that are versatile. Cinched with a statement belt [October's "The Know-It-All's Guide to Fall Accessories"], this military-style vest doubles as a top. It was the perfect finishing touch.



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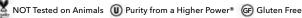
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Mindy Kaling's SCULPTURAL STUNNERS

A gathering of girl bosses calls for serious bling, so for a taping of *The View* in N.Y.C., the *Mindy* Project star sprung for a trio of Vita Fede's sleek architectural pieces. "They add a strong, feminine touch to a pantsuit or dress," says designer and founder Cynthia Sakai.

From left: Gold-plated brass earrings with freshwater pearls (\$540), gold-plated brass bracelet with pavé crystals (\$495), and goldplated brass bracelet (\$290); vitafede.com.





Anne Hathaway's **CHAMBRAY** Cotton, Golden by TNA for Aritzia, \$95; aritzia.com.

Team this with a pair of cropped flares for a fresh update on head-to-toe denim." MIA SOLKIN,







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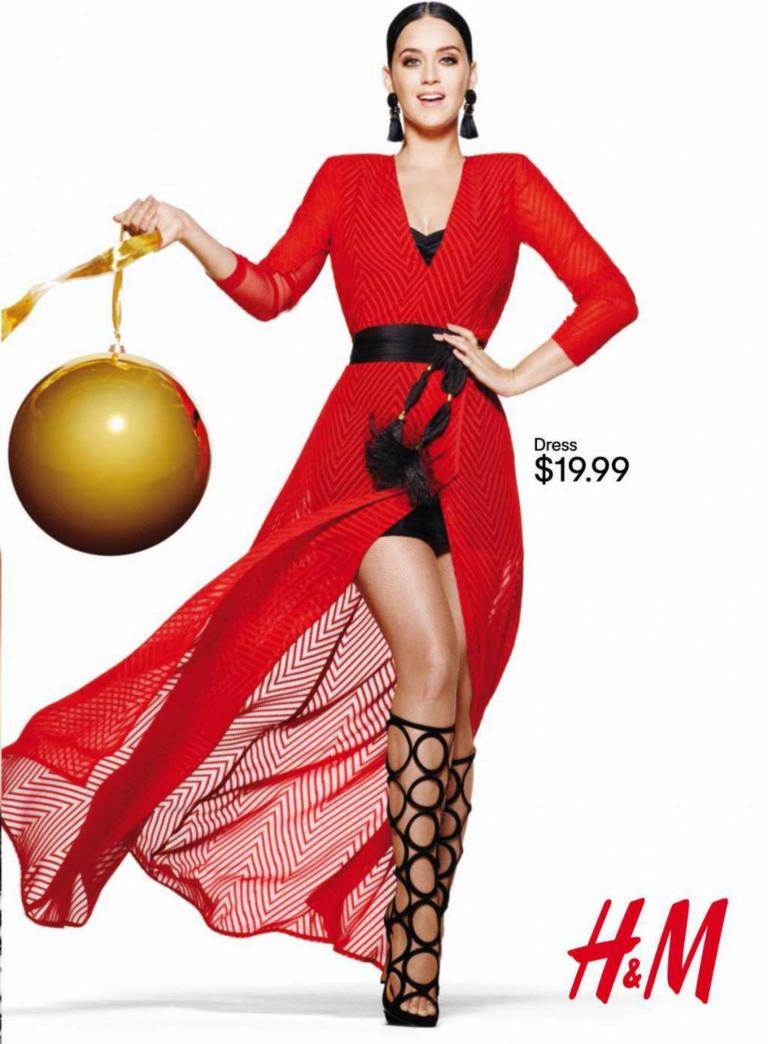
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The star of the series, 28-year-old Sarah Hay, gets to the marrow of the show.

- Q The show focuses on the professional world of dance. How true to life is it?
- A It's authentic in that all the ballerinas are played by actual dancers. I've danced since I was 5 and am currently a soloist in the Semperoper Ballett in Germany.
- Q There are a lot of dance shows on television, but no dramas like this.
- A Over-the-top dance reality shows are hard for me to watch. The real drama in our world is much more emotional, personal, and extreme. For example, when I was a kid, the mother of another student in my dance school wrote a letter to the
- director saying I was on drugs, which wasn't true.
- Q Does your past help you connect to your often distraught character, Claire?
- A Yes, it was easy to tap into her emotions. I've had to fight a lot, just like Claire. But it's where my confidence comes from, on- and offstage.
- Q Speaking of confidence, the series dives into intense issues, such as nudity and body-image struggles.
- A It does, but I'm not ashamed to show that I love being a woman. Women should be happy with their bodies. Not being afraid of yourself is very empowering.



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LUPITA NYONG'O has leveraged her breakout, Oscarwinning role in 12 Years a Slave into a lead in the critically acclaimed off-Broadway play *Eclipsed*, a Lancôme ambassadorship, and a meaty part in *Star Wars: The Force* Awakens, out December 18. Here, she teaches us how to maximize momentum when things are looking up.

Know when to say yes.

My instincts are my natural GPS. I know where I want to go, but they know how to get me there. The only way I gauge moving forward is by listening to myself. In the case of Star Wars, I was attracted to the idea of playing a character that is not limited by my physical circumstances. Because my role of Maz Kanata is CGI, it uses mostly the brain. It's a big departure from Patsey in 12 Years a Slave.

Know when to say no.

An opportunity may sound like a smart career move, but it can be damaging, emotionally and intellectually. I'm not shy about saying when I'm uncomfortable. If I'm asked a question I don't care to answer, I don't. It would be a folly to say I'm ready for everything, because I'm not. I don't think anyone is.

Forsake sycophants.

I love that my family and friends are not impressed at all by the new glitz and glamour. They're very supportive and delight in it, but they see through it. They bully me! It's nice to be bullied. In fact, they call me "the airhead." It's true, I may have had some airhead years, but I outgrew them.

Master the basics.

My parents taught me to show up to life: Be punctual, be trustworthy, and say "please" and "thank you." I live by the principle of giving what you want others to give you. I value respect above anything else.

Be bold. Maybe bald.

I cut all my hair off when I was 19. I used to be very selfconscious, but being able to free myself from thinking that hair makes me beautiful was liberating. I am not what grows out of my head or just what I wear. This realization has made me more playful. That's what I love about the red carpet too. There's nothing normal about the experience, but I find it to be a performance opportunity, and I embrace it.

Redefine success continually.

My motivation changes with time. I recognize the privilege and position I have. A lot of doors have been opened for me, and I feel very humbled about that. I've had goals, and I've achieved many of them. Now it's more a matter of trying to make good use of the opportunities afforded me. It's about setting intentions and enjoying the process.

—KAHLANA BARFIELD

"I believe I'm very curious and adventurous with all my looks. There's only one thing I won't wear: beige lipstick."

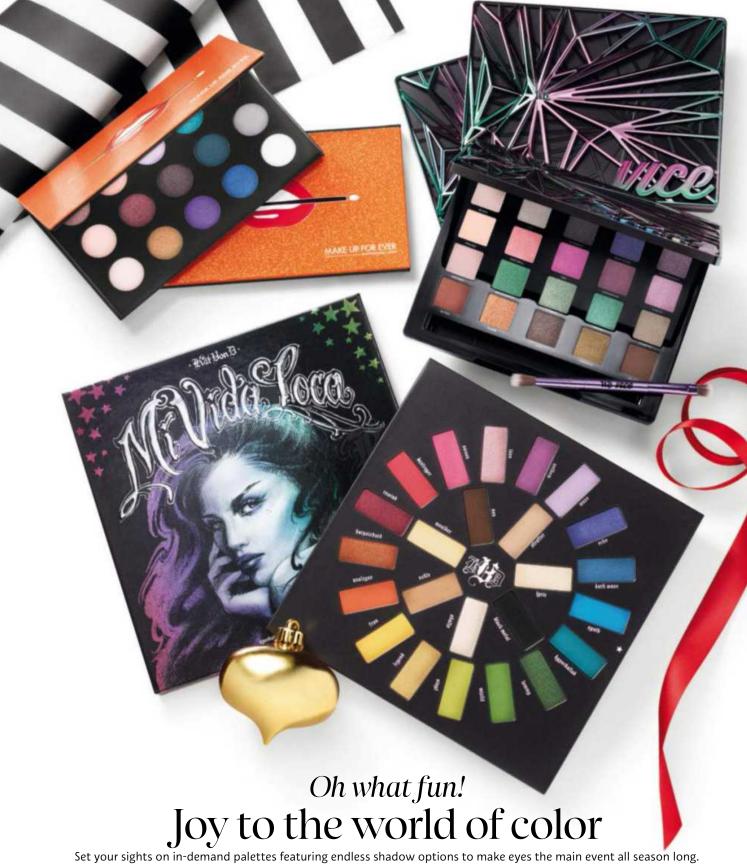
In Giambattista Valli, 2015 Golden Globes

but here I was so freezing cold it was traumatic. "I have When I saw realized the pictures of me red carpet is smiling, I rememfor show. I ber feeling like a don't hang triumphant superout in my woman because living room in I had survived." a red cape."

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AWoman Walks into a Bar

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WHAT TO ORDER The \$55 Lucky Stars special. Start with a glass of Champagne and end up with a holiday-party look, complete with a dramatic eye and bold lip, 40 minutes later. "This one can be amped up or toned down," says founder Stephi Maron. Visit blushington.com for locations.



Ring It On!

THE BAR Find a hot stack at the Ylang 23 Ring Bar. Owners Charles and Joanne Teichman have carved a portion of their Dallas store into a space to mix and match alternative styles. They even staff the area with a ring bartender.

WHAT TO ORDER A combo of your choosing from about 40 designers. Our accessories editor, Danielle Prescod, was drawn to these five bands for their inventive settings, she says. Rings, from top: Diamond and 18kt rose

gold, Yannis Sergakis, \$840. Diamond, Ruby, and 18kt gold, Satomi Kawakita, \$2,860. Turquoise, ruby, diamond sapphire, emerald, and 18kt gold, Jennifer Meyer, \$2,150. Ruby and 18kt gold, Maison Margiela, \$1,950. Diamond and 18kt gold, Satomi Kawakita, \$1,070. All available at ylang23.com.



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How to CAROL

Back in 1952, at the time this love story is set, there was no fast fashion. Stylish shoppers, like Cate Blanchett's titular character, relied on custom dresses and statement pieces. "Only someone with means could look as elegant as Carol

does," says the film's costume designer Sandy Powell. "She is timeless yet ahead of her time." Powell explains how to snag her essentials below.



1. LADYLIKE **GLOVES**

"Though rarely slipped on now, save for special occasions, every woman had a pair to match her outfits during that decade."

Leather gloves, Mari-mekko, \$165; at Marimekko, 212-843-9121.

2. ON-TREND **HEAD SCARF**

"Carol wears lots of coral, which was one of the most fashionable colors for lipstick, accessories, and clothing. In fact, it still is. Silk twill scarf, Bulgari, \$460; at Bulgari.

3. SQUARE CAT'S-EYE **SUNGLASSES**

"The shape has become more popular. The only change is that they've gotten bigger than in their heyday in the '50s." Plastic sunglasses, Norma Kamali, \$98; normakamali.com.

4. ARM CANDY

"Women bought jewelry in sets: a bracelet, necklace, and brooch all in one. That tradition is long gone now." Cut glass and goldtoned stainless-steel bracelet, Michael Kors, \$145: michaelkors.com.

5. TOP-HANDLE **SATCHEL**

"Petite and chic, this structured bag was perfect, since all a woman needed to carry was her lipstick and a cigarette case." Leather bag, Kate Spade New York, \$448; katespade.com.

6. BOLD **BROOCH**

"Elaborate designs like this one worked as focal points against the simple, refined dress shapes of the day." Crystal brooch, Oscar de la Renta, \$450; at Oscar de la Renta.



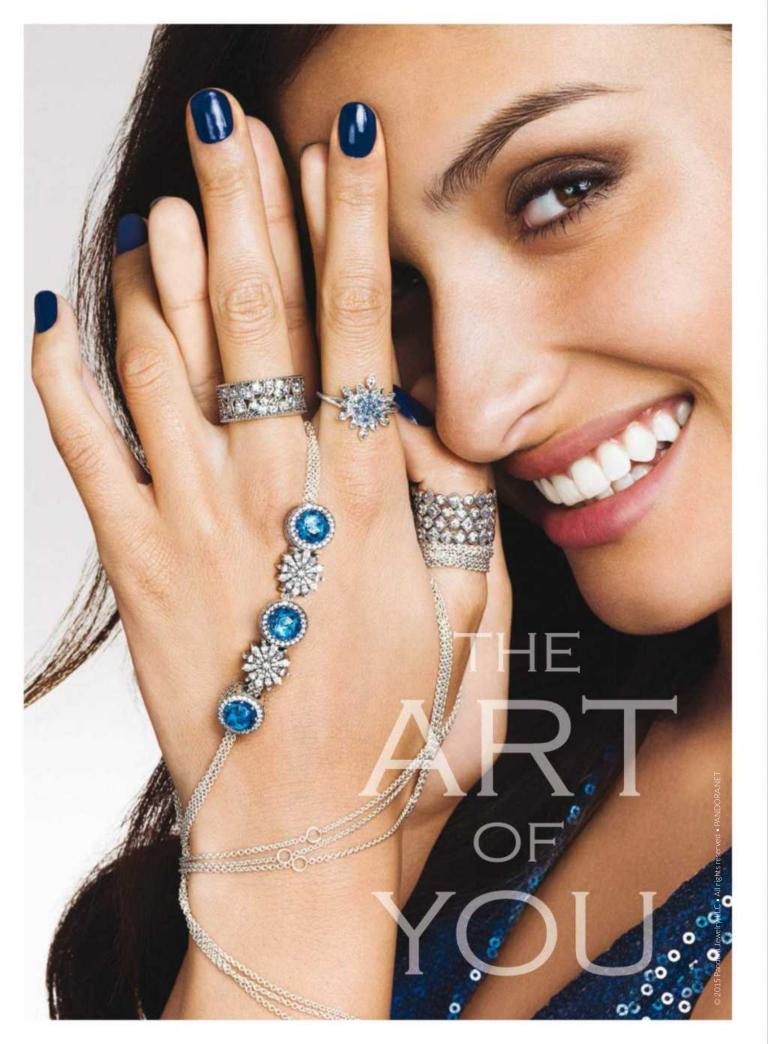
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Salvatore Ferragamo Celebrates 100 Years in Hollywood

AT THE SALVATORE FERRAGAMO **BOUTIQUE, BEVERLY HILLS**

THE SCENE The Italian fashion house threw a lavish midweek bash to toast the reopening of its Rodeo Drive boutique and the 100th anniversary of the founder's arrival in L.A. "This is the first time in a while that I've gotten dolled up on a Wednesday," Camilla Belle said, as she entered the art deco space filled with Etruscan marble and silver travertine touches. Across the store, designed by lauded modernist architect William Sofield, Armie Hammer drifted to the revamped men's section: "I am a size 15, and I love that I find shoes here that fit," he said. Meanwhile, Kiernan Shipka, eyeing a display of Miss Vara cross-bodies, joked (kinda), "I want to snatch one!" —BRIANNA KING









WHO'S THE MAN IN THE LIGHT BLUE SUIT?

Meet your newest baller crush: Robbie Rogers, the 28-year-old superstar soccer player for the L.A. Galaxy who's turning heads in the fashion world too. "I never went through a grunge phase where I didn't care what I looked like," he said. "I was more obsessed with James Dean." One way to score with this Mr. Rogers? "If you come up to me and talk soccer, I'll cling to you," he said. "I'm an awkward party person."

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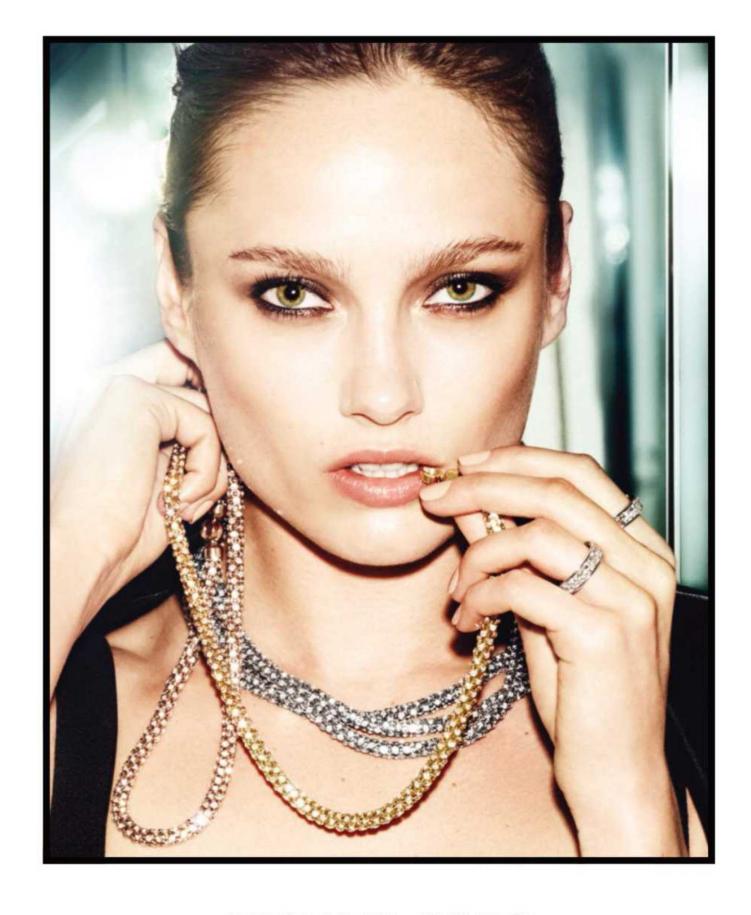


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Q HIGH-STYLE ROLLERS

Imagine the stakes when Kristen Stewart and Julianne Moore were among the guest stars hitting the craps table at the Chanel Haute Couture show in Paris in July. I'll see your Twilight and raise you a Hunger Games.



AT THE MOVIES

4 FASHION FESTIVAL

Between two YSL biopics and docs about designers (Dior and I is a must), there were enough stylish films to fill a multiplex.









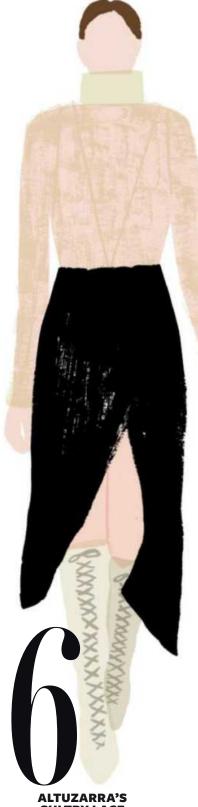




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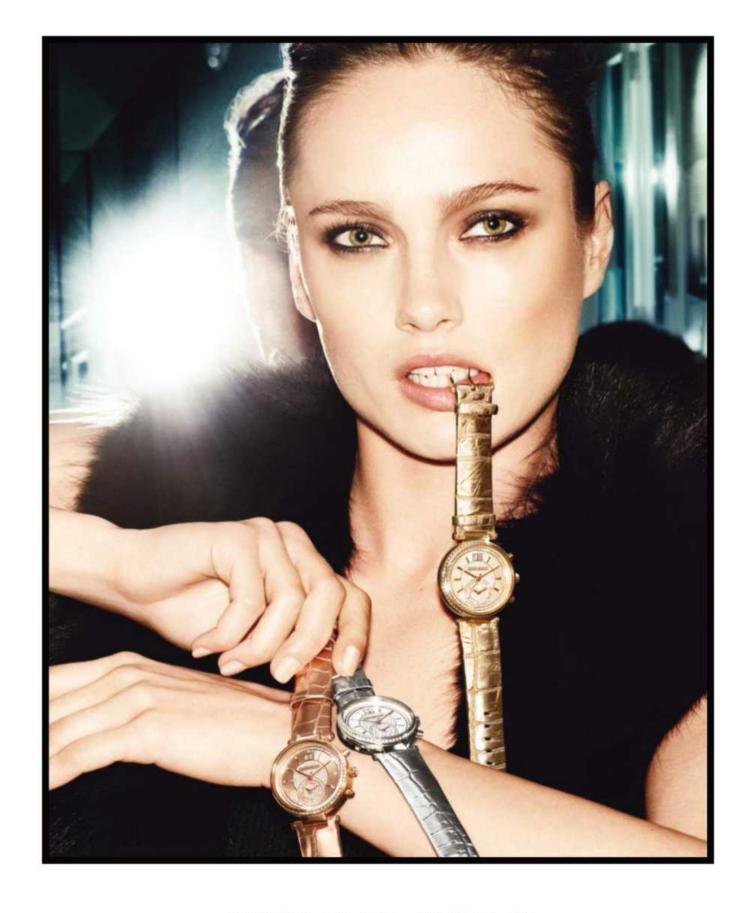
Watch your back, Tom Ford. Rodarte sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy are directing their first feature, Woodshock,





SULTRY LACE

Rising star Joseph Altuzarra had a breakthrough moment with his **prim** and perverse fall collection.



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8 AMY SCHUMER ON THE RED CARPET An intentional face-plant was one way to draw attention in a roomful of famous folks, even



SPLIT ENDS





BLONDES DO IT BETTER... A sign of the times? **Kim** Kardashian and Jared Leto went platinum on the same day.



...OR DO **BRONDES?** Has a better ring to it than babylights, right? Olivia Wilde wears this year's fave shade.



ALL THE BUZZ Newly shorn modél Ruth **Bell** rocked the runways with military precision.







A PROPER SEND-OFF
When Alexander Wang bade farewell to Balenciaga after a three-year stint as creative director, his famous friends came along for one last ride in his all-white-and-ivory collection.





5 MAD MEN **COMES TO** THE END

The pressure is off. Navigating the advertising scene of the '60s for seven seasons was enough to send Don Draper to a hilltop meditation retreat. Or was it?







in the blink of a smoky eye Effortless beauty with endless possibilities. A **NEW limited edition smoky eye shadow kit** with eight long-lasting shades for **Holiday 2015**

WHY, YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER...

Fashion anniversaries are like birthdays: a cause for celebration. Designers marked milestones by collaborating with friends and reissuing classics.





YEARS The best gift Giorgio Armani could give fans was an update on his styles called the New Normal.



70 YEARS Brazilian

jeweler H. **Stern** introduced galactic designs, playing off the translation of its name ("star" in German).



50 YEARS Betsey Johnson's golden jubilee was a runway tribute to Blondie, Nicki Minaj, Edie Sedgwick, and her own dance teacher.

90 YEARS

The French house Rochas paid homage to its fashion and fragrance history with a big party in Paris.





book.





200 YEARS Pringle of Scotland got personal, offering a bespoke service to customize your own argyles and twinsets.



FUZZY WUZZY WAS A SHOE

The surprise hit of the Gucci reboot was a horse-bit slipper lined with kangaroo fur. Sales are hopping.





Alessandro Michele

Gucci The oncehidden talent chose quirky elegance over flash.



Vanhee-Cybulski Hermès

She brought knowing touches to the ultimate luxury label.



Sébastien Meyer & Arnaud Vaillant

Courrèges Their simple approach, with just 15 styleś, was a crisp start.



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Lady Gaga's newfound classicism owes to the direction of stylist Brandon Maxwell, but, of course,

she couldn't resist the lobster-catching gloves.

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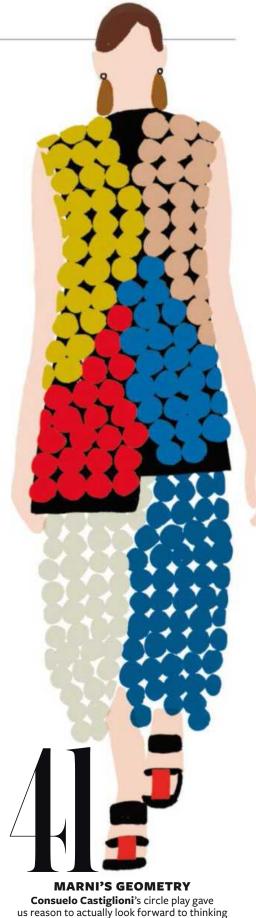
AS STRONG AS EVER Janet Jackson's Unbreakable reminded 21st-century pop stars who's really in control.



HE'S FULL OF SURPRISES The answer to the question "Where Are Ü Now" is, ahem, online looking at pictures of Justin Bieber naked.



THE WEEKND AT FASHION WEEK **Abel Tesfaye** went from underground darling to front-row fixture.



about primaries next spring.





GIFT CURIOUSLY



BRIGHT IDEAS



43 PAINT IT RED Christian Louboutin's Louboutinize photo-filter app put rose-colored glasses on any picture taken with an iPhone.



44 DIOR FUNNY PAGES Telling the story of **Christian Dior** in comic-book format was delightful— until he died.



The end.

BLOW-**OUTS FOR** THE FACE A New York makeup salon from the artists of **MAC**? Why didn't we think of that?



NEWS IN BRIEF Celebrity six-packs never get old, especially those in the category of Who Knew? Thanks are in order to Emporio Armani for uncovering the secret talents of Calvin Harris, and to Tommy Hilfiger for introducing Rafael Nadal to the sport of strip tennis.







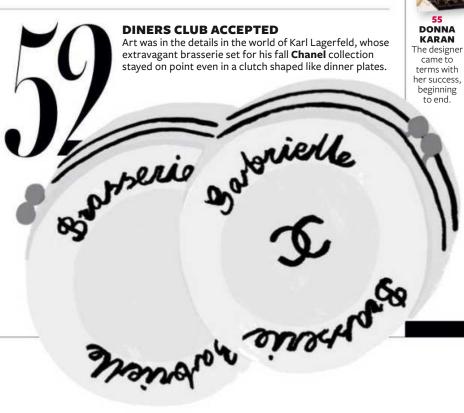
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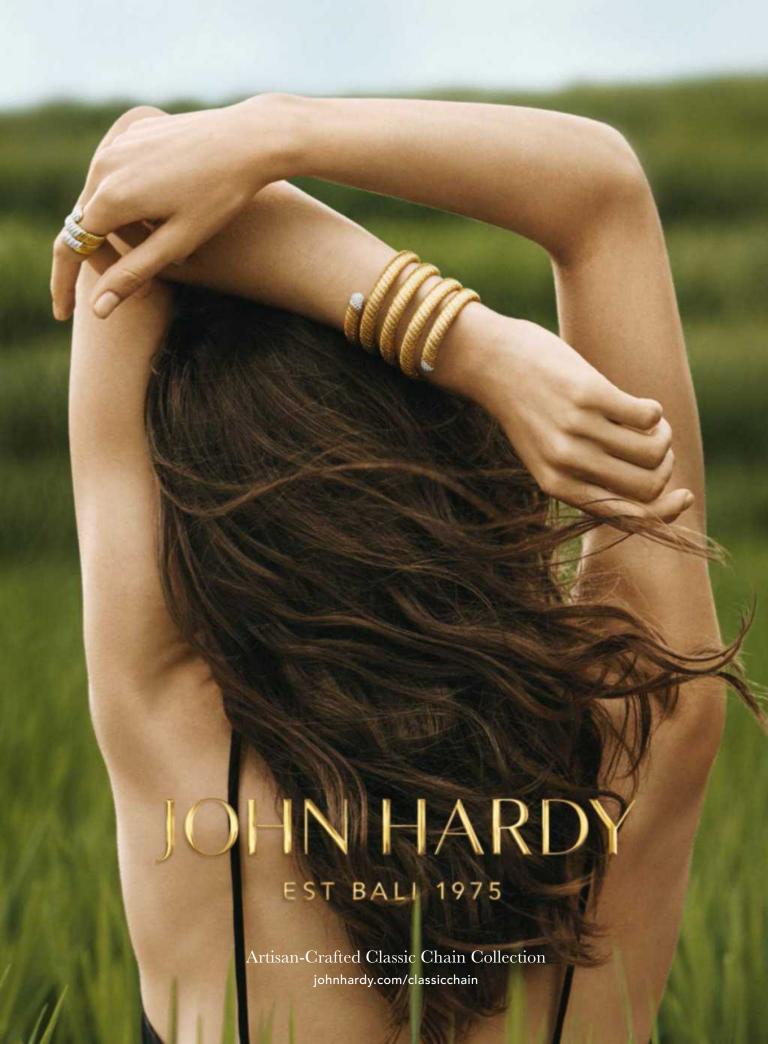
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Women Who *Should* Be on the \$10 BILL

President Obama wants a woman on the sawbuck in 2020. We have a few suggestions of our own.



Barbie

A redesign with articulated ankles meant that, after 56 years, she could finally walk in sneakers.

Blunt

When the Cannes Film Festival reportedly enforced a highheels-only standard, she said, "Everyone should wear flats." But she lost points after the Republican debate for joking that her U.S. citizenship was a mistake.

59 Army Rangers

"We can handle things physically and mentally on the same level as men," said Capt. Kristen Griest.



She drew the wrath of Donald Trump by exposing the candidate's Achilles heel: his own quotes.



60 Ronda Rousey

The mixed-martial-arts champ said, "If anyone calls me fat one more time in my life, I'm going to kill them."



The only thing omen of color from <mark>anyone else</mark> is opportunity,' said the first African-American to win an Emmy for best actre in a drama.



Misty Copeland She's the first African-American female principal of the American Ballet Theatre.

64 Sarah Thomas & Jen Welter

The NFL's first female referee (full time) and assistant coaching intern (albeit briefly) gained ground on a long drive. "Football before female," said Welter.





BANANA REPUBLIC

For spring, the store will produce a **Timo** Weiland collection designed, cut, and sewn in New York City.



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DOLCE & GABBANA'S HAUTE MAMMAS

Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana's moms-and-tots show was an ode to their mothers, but their criticism of in vitro fertilization had the duo later apologizing and celebrating a diversity of choice.







WASH & WEAR Taking the concept of disposable fashion to its logical extreme, Hussein Chalayan designed shirtdresses from a water-soluble fabric that dissolved on the runway to reveal evening gowns beneath. Just don't try this with underwear.



REBELLIOUS STREAK

With her Rebel Heart tour, Madonna returned for another reminder that "Burning Up" and "Holiday" aren't exactly oldies, thank you very much. And don't get her started on the new stuff.





IN MEMORY



Marie-Louise Carven 1909-2015

The House of Carven founder was synonymous with the rise of contemporary fashion in France.



Elio

Fiorucci 1935-2015 The discoera denim designer was immortalized in the lyrics of Sister Sledge.



Bettina Graziani 1925-2015 One of the first major models, she inspired the signature ruffle blouse named for her by Hubert



Arnold Scaasi

1930-2015 The designer of First Lady wardrobes also gave us Barbra Streisand's see-through pajamas.



78 YOU CAN SQUAD WITH US
The boldface guests just kept showing up for Taylor Swift's The 1989 World Tour, with visits from Martha Hunt, Kendall Jenner, Serena Williams, Karlie Kloss, Gigi Hadid, and Cara Delevingne on one night alone.





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Blake's CLOS

As the star who refuses to employ a stylist, Blake Lively proved that all anyone really needs for a press-tour wardrobe is a dozen designer names on speed dial.

From left: Roksanda, David Koma, Monique Lhuillier (2), Marc Jacobs (2), Roksanda, Cushnie et Ochs, Balmain, Valentino, Antonio Berardi, Lindsey Thornburg.



82 HAMILTON ROCKS
The hip-hop musical featuring our founding fathers, including the current face of the \$10 bill, not only made a dynamic début on Broadway but also turned treasury secretary into a covetable role.



HASHTAGS OF THE YEAR

#askher more

"What are you wearing?' no longer cuts it when social media scoops the red-carpet reporters.

84 #lovewins

To all those who said gay marriage would never be legal in our lifetime, don't hold your breath for an invitation to my wedding.



85 #swoll

They used to call it jacked or ripped until **Drake** came along and made muscles look, well, this good.



#thedress

Is it white and gold or blue and black or merely a bad picture?















With their traveling cruise collections, the world's flushest luxury houses competed for the most architecturally stunning destinations: Louis Vuitton headed to Bob Hope's John Lautner-designed home in the desert, Dior flew to the Riviera for Pierre Cardin's bubble-shaped Palais Bulles, and Chanel went all the way to South Korea, to a cultural complex created by Zaha Hadid.





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TALKTOME Riccardo Tisci for Givenchy

Celebrating a decade at the Parisian house, Givenchy's provocative artistic director brings a message of hope to New York with a powerful runway statement and a breathtaking new store

BY ERIC WILSON

Q The critics were unanimous in their praise of your show that paid tribute to the anniversary of 9/11.

How did you approach this? A It was such a delicate date to do a show, but the fashion council put us on September 11. Everybody at Givenchy was very stressed about working on the project, but I do believe that there is an energy that helps guide the planet. I wanted to bring all the religions to the same place, to give a message that we are here to forgive the past by thinking with love of the future. I think that is why people received it in a very positive way. It was not like a big house coming to do a majestic show

Q It really did feel like a celebration of everything you've done with couture and menswear as well. What have you learned over the past decade?

and talk about love.

A Love is the most important thing, because love doesn't have a price. Love doesn't have a skin color. Love doesn't have sexuality. Love is love. It is something you cannot control, that comes from your heart, not from your brain.

Q But you do have a dark side. You have made Rottweilers almost your logo and styled models as Latina gangsters. How do you reconcile these images?

A Opposites are very important in my style. I always play with romanticism and darkness, religion and sexuality. It's important because everything comes from my gut. I'm very lucky that I'm paid to be creative. I can do couture and make a dress that costs 300,000 euros, but I also need to create products for anyone who wants to be on my journey. One part of my success has been to dress both mature women and men and young people with clothes to wear every day.

Q Why did you put Donatella Versace in your fall ads?

A I put all the people I love in my campaigns because I want to celebrate families, tribes, and gangs. I love Donatella. When I started, she was one of the first people to open the door to



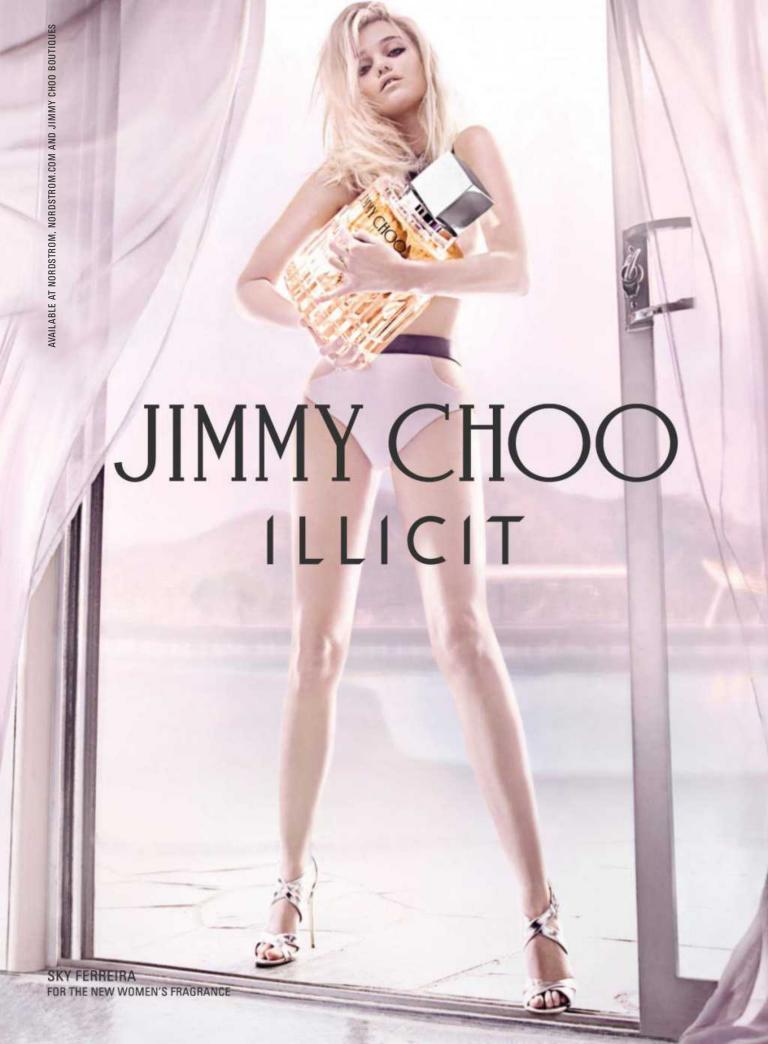
me. People think designers hate one another, but it's not true. I have so much respect for themnot everybody, of course, because that is life, but Donatella, Karl Lagerfeld, and Hedi Slimane are my friends. It doesn't matter which of us sells more.



for what I was doing. I got completely attacked when I used my friend Lea T, who is transsexual, in an advertisement or when I did a show with mostly black models. I was so naïve and young. The more I saw people reacting with shock, though, the more proud I became of myself. That was when I first realized I have a little bit of power here, besides selling Givenchy bags. I'm going to use my power to send a positive message into the universe and to make people stop and think.

Q We all know #family is important to you from your prolific feed on Instagram [@riccardotisci17], but what role do you play in yours?

A I'm the only boy after eight sisters. I had a very tough childhood, but I would never change it for anyone else's. I started working when I was young, and I tried to protect my mother and sisters from the world. And then, when I was 17, I felt the need to do something with my life and to express myself. So I left and I fought to become someone who could better help my family. Basically, my role turned into the father, and my sisters are the strong warriors. But I'm also the last one born, so I'm the baby. I'm like a child who never grew up.



the LOOK TALK TO ME... RICCARDO TISCI Retail All-Stars set out to build a 4,300-square-foot double-height space for his carefully arrayed accessories, which are as diverse as the city's clientele. "That's why I love New York," he says. "You can go to the ballet, to a very chic place, or you can get lost in the streets and meet singers and artists. You can go to Harlem or Brooklyn and feel like you are in Europe. This city is the heart of the world." Brass necklaces, \$1,300 (left) and \$1,845. All pieces, Givenchy by Riccardo Tisci; at Givenchy **CARRY A SWEET TUNE** New York. Tisci's Nightingale bag has been a long-running hit. The latest versions, like this one, are even sleeker. Calfskin bag, \$2,450. GAL Calfskin slip-on sneakers, \$750. "It was such a "He's an **MOONING** special night. absolute king **OVER** I have never in fashion and seen anything continues to RICCARDO like it." outdo himself." -JULIA ROBERTS -NICKI MINAJ You've seen his couture gowns on











tyle is something you radiate," says Matthias Schoenaerts, the puppy dog-eyed European actor who has a habit of playing sensitive brutes, from Rust & Bone's MMA fighter to Suite Française's German soldier to a strapping hunk in the upcoming transgender drama The Danish Girl. "You either have it or you don't." Schoenaerts, wearing

an off-white sweatshirt, a black denim jacket, and bright blue Lee jeans, has it in spades. He even appeared in a campaign for Louis Vuitton. Perched at a riverside bistro northwest of Antwerp, Schoenaerts's one concession to inelegance is the Lucky Strike rollie he takes a drag from. Running his hands through an impressive quiff, he smiles. "But style rules? No. I don't pay attention to them," he says, snubbing out the cigarette on the floor despite the ashtray in reach. A thin twirl of smoke lifts toward the yellow sky from the glowing ember. Schoenaerts extinguishes it with his Nike-clad foot and says, "I just have a basic sense of elegance, I guess."

You've played many characters enmeshed somehow in a complex moral situation. Are you drawn to the gray zones in particular?

Hell, yes. I think the baddies are more interesting than the heroes. Why does everyone talk about the villains in Batman? It's because they are more fun to play, and you can see that onscreen. It's not just that I want to be an antagonist. It's that I look for stories that are ambiguous in nature and for characters who are complicated. People use the characters they see on TV and in movies to test their own values. So, as an artist, I wonder, What can I do to make the audience think differently about what good is, what bad is, who a man is, and who a woman is.

Certainly with The Danish Girl, in which Eddie Redmayne plays Lili Elbe, the first recipient of gender reassignment surgery, there have been a lot of questions, including why Elbe isn't being played by a real transgender woman.

I don't subscribe to that philosophy. If there is a character who is a drug addict, must he be played by a drug addict? Does every homosexual character need to be played by a homosexual actor? That's ridiculous.

In the past year, you've carried two fairly intense films: Disorder, in which you play a soldier suffering from PTSD, and Far from the Madding Crowd, in which you portray a seductive sheep farmer. Was it a challenge to adjust to playing a supporting character like Hans in The Danish Girl? No. It's like in soccer. Sometimes you play center forward, and naturally, the center forward scores all the goals. But you need a right-wing defender too. If I'm second banana to whichever actor I truly admire, and if it is in defense of a good story, I'm happy to take on that part. You have undergone dramatic weight gains and losses for some roles. What impact does that have on your wardrobe?

There are certain pieces like sweaters or jackets that I've had for 10 years that I know I can't wear for a little while, but eventually I'll get back to my normal shape and size and they'll fit again. In life there are things that feel right, or people that feel right, and the same goes for clothes. And when things don't feel right, you should probably just get rid of those things.

Kate Winslet, who co-starred with you in the romantic landscape-architecture drama A Little Chaos, once said that you "really look like a man." As far as leading roles go, do you ever feel boxed in by reductive stereotypes of masculinity?

In general, the movie business has become increasingly generic, which means the roles have become generic as well. But I don't want to sound like a nihilist. There are some brilliant films being made all over the world.

Is that why you choose to live out here in Antwerp rather than in Hollywood?

I see no reason to live in Los Angeles, except for the weather. In Antwerp I live five minutes away from the house I grew up in. I'm still close with my friends, so being in this city gives me a place to rest, rejuvenate, and load up my batteries. I play a lot of sports here, like soccer and boxing. I paint. I readmostly philosophical works and sociological studies on modern-day societies.

Whoa. Does any of what you read affect you professionally, or is it for personal pleasure?

Reading makes me think more about how humankind is portrayed on film. I have a casting company called Hakuna that I acquired this August. Its focus is casting people of color. I hardly ever see people from different backgrounds onscreen. Flanders is actually more diverse than New York City. Yet so few of those people even dream of an acting career because it seems too impossible to imagine. That's what we're trying to change.

Is there anyone you are itching to play? Your resemblance to a certain Russian leader hasn't gone unnoticed.

Ha. Yes, a couple of people have told me I look quite like Putin. I do see the resemblance, and it's funny. Sure, I'd play him if I ever got the chance. ■

ask DIANE VON FURSTENBE

The **holiday season is all about celebrating** love, life, family, and friends. The most personal gifts are always my favorite ones, and the most memorable to give and receive. Write a heartfelt letter, find a book you know they'll love, or choose something small yet lavish. Go for it, and enjoy! Stane in Turken



My sister is a chronic exchanger. What can I get that she won't return? -KERRY M., MANORVILLE, N.Y.

Make her an appointment for a spa treatment so she has no choice but to make time for herself to indulge.

I hate giving envelopes filled with cash. What's a thoughtful alternative to end-of-year tips for my doorman, babysitter, and manicurist? — KARINA B., MEMPHIS, TENN.

The best gift for a person who provides a service to you all year long is something practical but luxurious, like a cashmere scarf or gloves. These are also things that they may not be inclined to buy for themselves.

I have a tough time finding gifts for the men in my family. Any suggestions? -KRISTEN B., WASHINGTON, D.C.

I like giving elegant shaving accessories or Kor energy shots [kor-shots.myshopify.com], which my friend Jordan created using fresh ginger and turmeric that he found at the farmers market in Hanalei Bay, Hawaii. They make you feel fantastic.

> What should you keep in mind with regard to size and style when you're buying clothing as a present? — ERIN K., SAN FRANCISCO

Sweaters are the easiest because they are meant to be roomy and cozy, so the fit does not have to

What's the chicest thing you can buy someone for under \$50? — REBECCA B., WESTON, FLA.

A silver frame with a personal photo inside, or a decadent selection of chocolates.

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when I start planning for the new year, so

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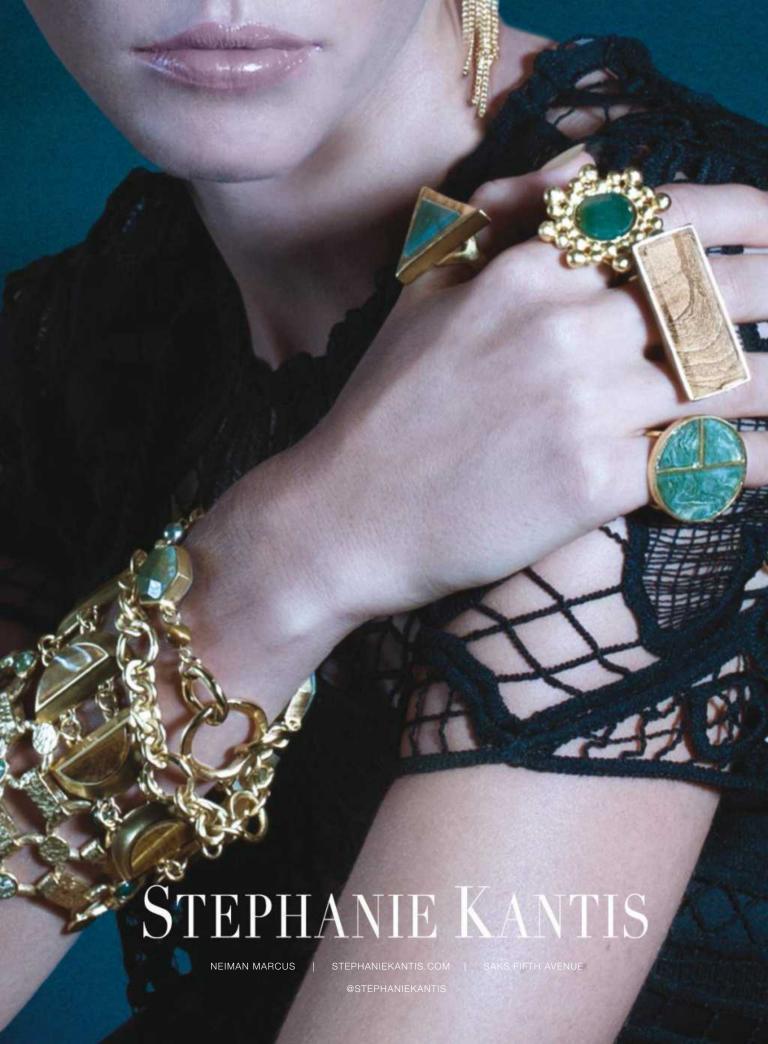
\$398; dvf.com.

"Cire Trudon candles are my favorite because they come in beautiful packaging." Cire Trudon Gabriel candle, \$105; barneys.com

a Smythson **notebook** is always useful." Panama diary in fuchsia, Smythson, \$70; smythson.com. "Tabula Rasa throws are a beautiful way to stay warm all winter." Owami wool blanket in pink, Tabula Rasa, \$625; tabularasa-ny.com







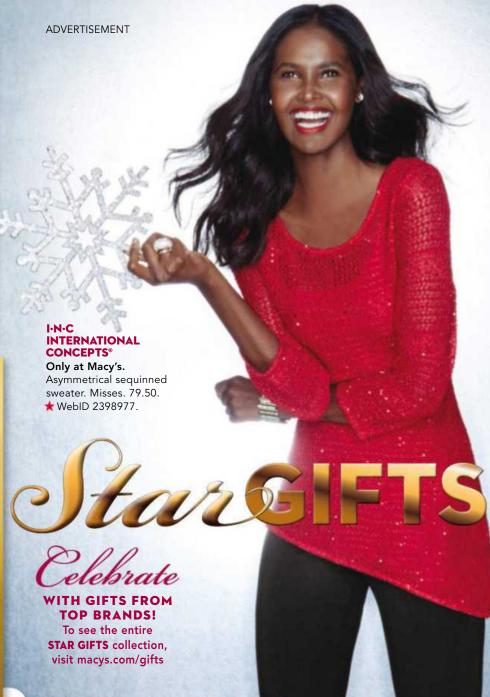


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Active vest with matching nylon tote bag. Misses. 89.50. ★ WebID 2371039.



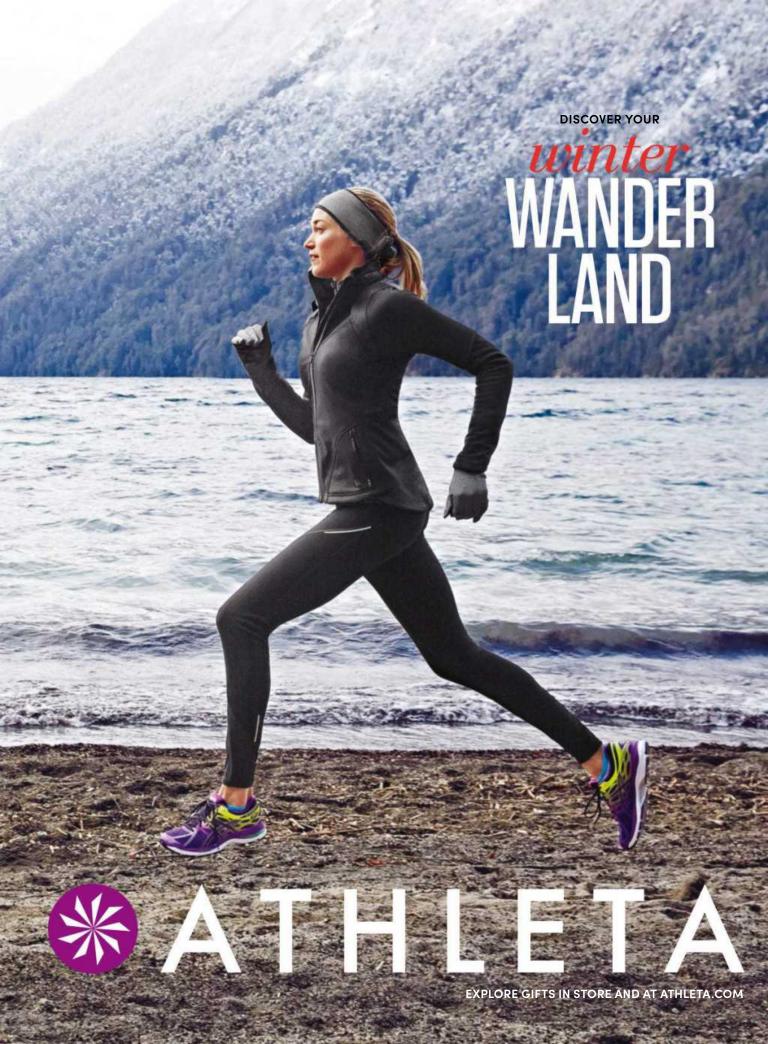
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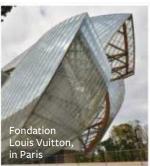
Designers are building temples to themselves with museums dedicated to their own collections of art and fashion. After all, they do have good taste

BY ERIC WILSON

he designer ego must be a fragile thing. This thought occurred to me during a recent visit to the newly opened Fondazione Prada in Milan, where Miuccia Prada and Patrizio Bertelli, her husband, have displayed some of their astounding art holdings in a sprawling campus designed by the Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas and his OMA studio. It happened as I was climbing the steep steps of a tower lavishly painted in 24-karat gold leaf, inexplicably called the Haunted House, where some mighty curious works reside. A disembodied Robert Gober leg, an anchor dangling from its ankle, protrudes from a wall. Another gallery features a projection of Charles Atlas's Teach, a short film with the British performance artist Leigh Bowery, whose mouth is sewn shut. Had the Prada family tired of seeing these things mounted in their own home?

The museum, which will encompass seven buildings when it's ultimately completed, is but one instance of a recent boom of designers who have created permanent homes to their collections, whether art or fashion, ensuring their legacies will last well beyond their labels.







In April, Giorgio Armani opened the Armani/Silos exhibition space across the street from his Tadao Andodesigned headquarters in Milan. A few months prior to that was the opening of the Fondation Louis Vuitton, luxury titan Bernard Arnault's new Paris art museum designed by Frank Gehry, which looks like a glass spaceship, or a beached sailboat that turned up in the Bois de Boulogne.

In a sense, the rise of the designer museum (another half dozen appear in a guide on the following page) is just another example of an ever-escalating competition among luxury houses to outdo one another in terms of showmanship. For further proof one need only consult the stacks of coffee-table books dedicated to them, the hotels decorated with their home collections, or their starchitect-designed flagships. But another thought that occurred to me-actually when I encountered Armani's dashing face printed on a velvet dress from 2011 as the first display in his gallery—is how lucky we are that designers like to think big.

DELIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

"It's a good moment for Milan to start again," Armani told me this spring, when I asked whether he and Prada had coordinated their plans. Rather, Armani says he was motivated to create Silos—in a former granary that he prefers not to call a museum—to remind the world that he is not all beige and black pantsuits. While technology

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Our grand tour of designer museums features stops in France, Italy, Switzerland—and your imagination.



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Palazzo Spini Feroni, Florence



FONDATION PIERRE BERGÉ—YVES SAINT LAURENT A tidy space in the old couture house keeps the late designer's spirit alive.

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GUCCI MUSEO You'll find vintage bamboohandle bags, '70s car upholstery, modern sports gear, and plenty of new things to buy. Piazza Della Signoria, Florence



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has made it far easier for people to learn about fashion history, nothing can quite replace the experience of seeing a designer's work in person, which helps explain why fashion exhibitions continue to draw huge crowds around the world-"China: Through the Looking Glass" broke attendance records at N.Y.C.'s Metropolitan Museum of Art this summer. And these privately run spaces are typically more accessible to the public. If you happen to visit Silos, start from the top floor, where Armani has installed a library of touch-screen monitors that give the complete picture, from the red carpets to the runways. Then enjoy the 600 or so examples of his dazzlingly colorful florals and exotic gowns.

SELF-EXPRESSIONISM

Now major companies with the resources to build up their archives are driving prices for important historical costumes sky-high and taking control of their narratives by curating their own exhibitions. However, it was not without controversy when the Gucci Museo, which opened in Florence in 2011, treated the Tom

Ford years (1990-2004) as a footnote, even though the designer established its modern ready-to-wear. Wonder how long until Frida Giannini's collections are shifted to storage?

Something all these designers will have to consider, too, is how to stay relevant while delving into the past, given that museums do tend to reveal your true age. I recall sitting at a press conference a few years back at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, where Anne Hathaway introduced the Valentino Garavani Virtual Museum, an interactive desktop app that includes hundreds of examples and images of Valentino's work. I may have rolled my eyes a little when she said, in all seriousness, "We are witnessing the birth of a revolution." But now I think she was right. The app is constantly updated—"a space without limits" in the words of Valentino's partner, Giancarlo Giammetti.

Even the physical museums (and one gallery, if you must) can be thought of as such. With creative displays and enviable budgets, there are countless ways for designers to tell their own stories while entertaining their fans to boot.

IN BRIEF

PATRONS

From Armani to Balenciaga to Dior, the giants have placed their archives on display. You're nobody in fashion unless you have a museum.

SAINTS

Luxury execs are also big buyers of art. Hence come world-class salons from Vuitton in Paris, Prada in Miĺan, and François Pinault in Venice (the **Palazzo** Grassi).







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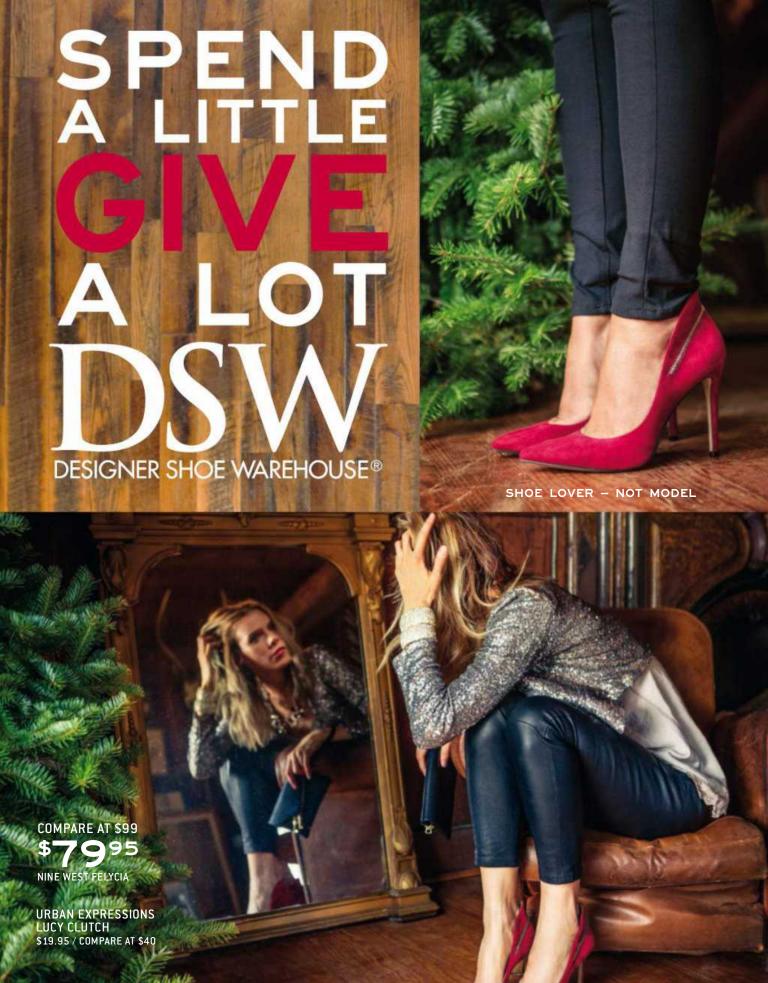
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Haute Holidays

It's time: Invitations are stacking up, the Lambrusco is flowing, and you're ready to make an entrance. Hit the scene in outfits so spectacular, they're reason enough to celebrate



staples that allow you to run around. A tissue-thin sweater

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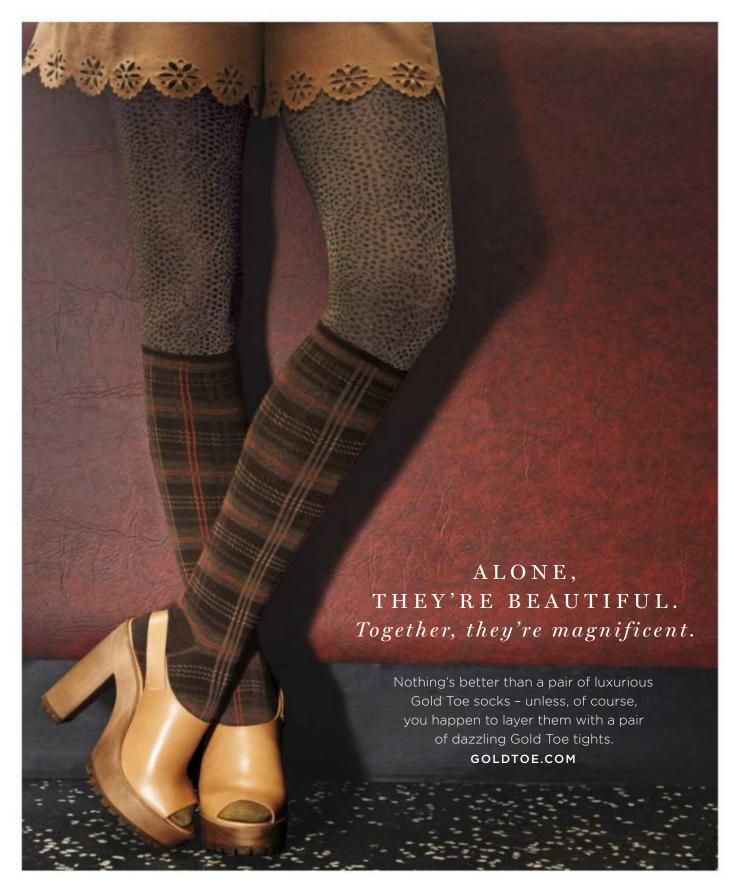
those armchairs when the dance-off begins.



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time to raise a glass (or three, depending on your office).

pattern. Classic accessories keep the ensemble elegant.







Comfy sweats transcend couch wear when crafted in baby-soft cashmere. Elevate the look with chic round shades and a feminine bag, then bundle up in an oversize coat to impart unstudied cool—and hide smuggled candy.



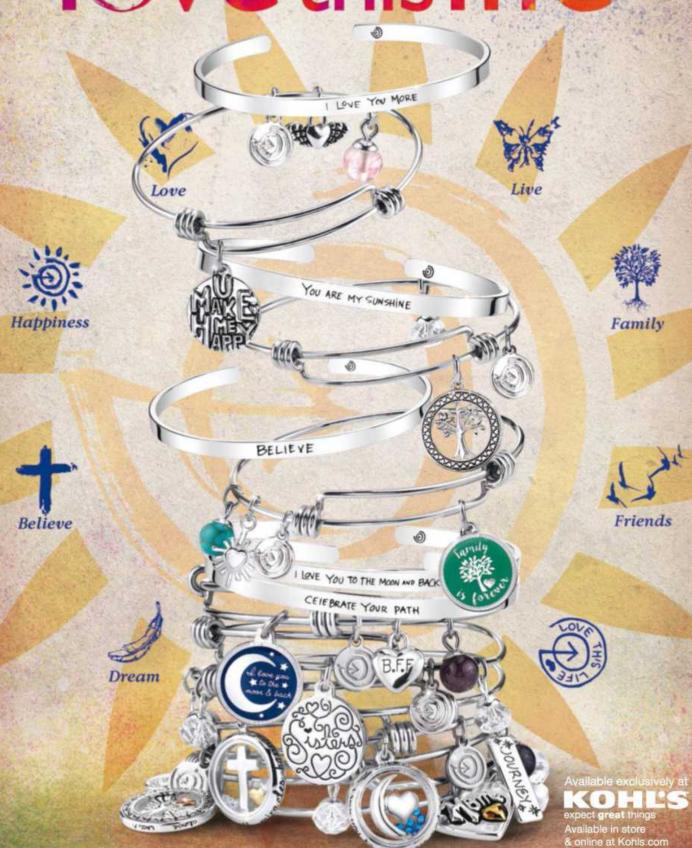
faded denim for black flares and finishing with a jaunty take

on a traditional trench. Glittery booties and a red cross-body

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HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS

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Add a dash of sparkle to your holiday wardrobe with these festive finds. From a glittering pair of pumps, to an eye-catching clutch, accessories never looked so glam. Throw on your best party dress, a classic red lip, and a few of these stunning statement pieces for a look that is sure to turn heads!





CONVERSATION PIECE Mirrored clutch, Vince Camuto, \$178; amazon.com/fashion



DROPS OF GOLD Metallic earrings, Sam Edelman, \$35; amazon.com/fashion



Gold-plated choker, Coralia Leets, \$198; amazon.com/fashion

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Deco cuff, House of Harlow 1960, \$118; amazon.com/fashion



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Crossbody bag, Marc by Marc Jacobs, \$258; amazon.com/fashion



BLING RING

Cocktail ring, Jardin, \$69; amazon.com/fashion



Slingback heels, Sam Edelman, \$100; amazon.com/fashion









OLIVIA PALERMO

This fashion-world favorite has a knack for mixing rich colors, interesting textures, and the occasional blingy accessory for a refreshingly **cool take on ladylike sophistication**. Nail her look with these covetable pieces





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It's the most wonderful time of the year—and dressing for it is half the fun. Our fail-safe tip for a **captivating holiday look**: Begin with classic shapes, and let ornate details be the life of the party



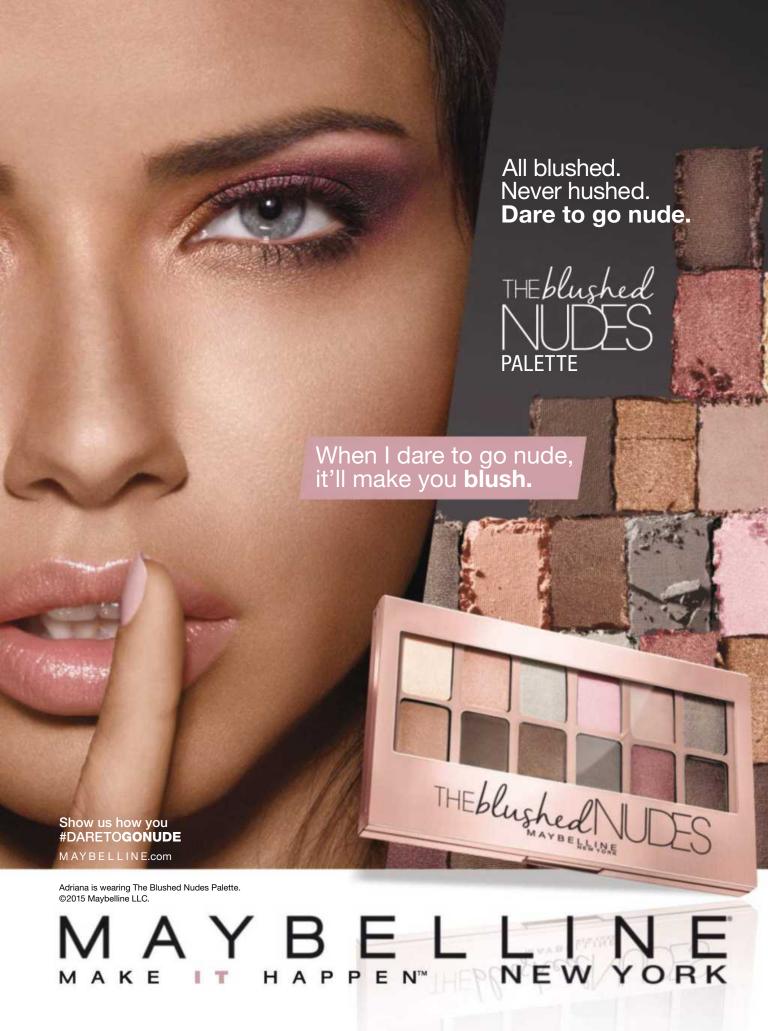
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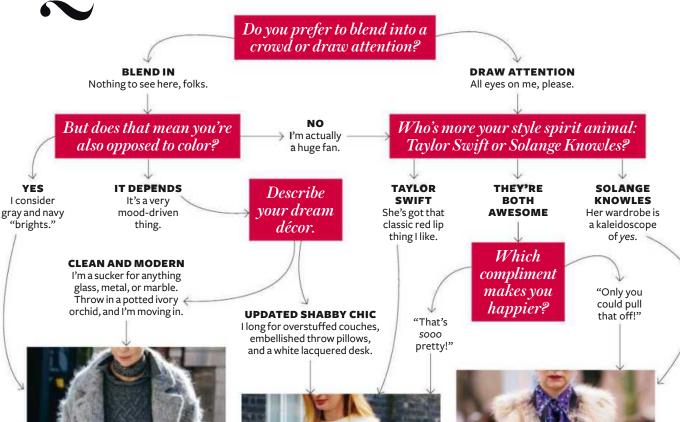
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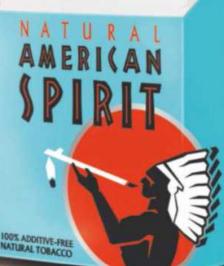
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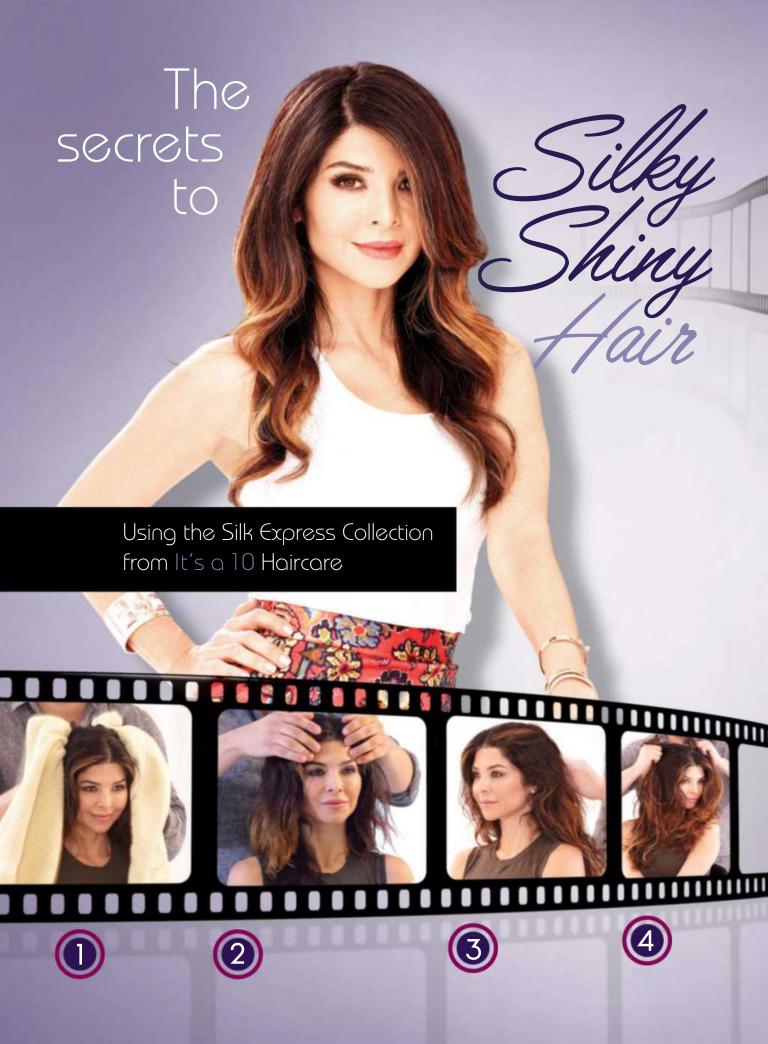
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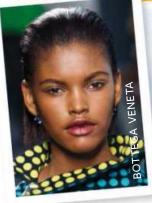
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SWEEPING

Where are all the good parts in Hollywood going? This pulled-back look has become so popular, says hair pro Jennifer Yepez, who works with Gigi Hadid: "It showcases your face but still feels soft and feminine." Yepez applies volumizing mousse to damp roots and thickening lotion to the ends before blow-drying hair straight back with a round brush. She then teases the crown to add a bit of lift. Mist with hairspray so strands won't be tempted to choose sides.













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BEAUTY PARTY LOOKS



Negative-/ Space Liner The Runway At Versace's spring couture show, makeup master Pat McGrath left faces pretty bare save for some floating eyeliner. (Graphicliner looks have more than doubled in popularity on Pinterest over the past year!) Using black pencil, she created a wing from the outer corner of the eye, up toward the tip

of the brow. Then she drew a line

outer wing. McGrath finished by

lines. "This is like a futuristic cat

eye," says McGrath.

over the crease, connecting it to the

darkening the lower and upper lash

Our Way To bring this orbital shape down to earth, draw a line from the outer corner of your eye over the crease, but stop just above your iris. You'll get the essence of the look without feeling over-the-top. And since you need your liner to make it through the night without budging, work first with pencil, then retrace your steps with liquid, McGrath suggests.

CoverGirl Bombshell Intensity Liner and Liquiline Blast Eyeliner, \$8 each; covergirl.com.

Metallic Crowns

The Runway You don't have to snag Harry to feel like a modern-day princess, thanks to these reigning-on-Pinterest headpieces. At Zuhair Murad's fall couture show, stylist Laurent Philippon created undone texture with Bumble and Bumble Surf Spray (\$27; bumbleandbumble .com) before topping models' heads with star-studded silver tiaras for "a '90s neo-romantic vibe," he says. Shiny waves flowed at Elie Saab's couture show, where pro Orlando Pita arranged leaf-detailed gold bands.

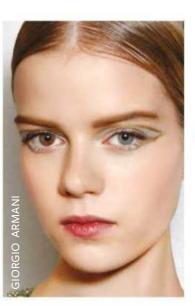






BEAUTY PARTY LOOKS





Snow-Queen Shadow

⋖The Runway Looking icy has never been hotter. On Pinterest, the popularity of shimmering eye shadow pics (like those from Armani's fall couture show) soared 200 percent this year. At Armani, pro Linda Cantello dabbed glistening blue cream on lids in an elongated cat-eye shape, then traced a gold hue over creases. "The shimmer adds depth and brings life to complexions," she says.



Our Way Keep that champagne flowing in your flute and over your eyes. Not ready to rock multicolored lids? We suggest dipping a small fan brush into a shimmery gold cream shadow and coating just the ends of your lashes, post-mascara, instead. You'll look like you've caught some snowflake kisses. The effect is more subtle yet no less striking.

Age defying comes to lip care.



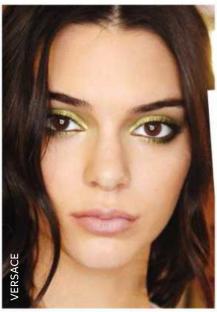


Caribbean Colors

The Runway This tropical trend is another winner with pinners: There's been a 5,000 percent increase in sorbetcolored makeup looks on the site during the past year. A prime example? Dior's fall couture show, where pro Peter Phillips splashed lids with bright peach shadow. He put on a powder first, then dabbed moisturizer on top to create a glistening sheen. Pat McGrath similarly picked summery shades for Versace's fall couture show, applying a gold hue over eyes and a mossy green in the outer corners, which "transformed the girls into ethereal forest nymphs," she says.



Our Way Why not warm up this winter with colors that evoke an island sunset? You can create an understated monochromatic effect by bringing a peachy shade to eyes, cheeks, and lips. Phillips likes working with creamy formulas that you can blend easily. At Dior, he used a reddish brown hue on dark complexions; for fair skin, a lighter apricot looks the freshest, he says. Diorblush Cheek Stick in Cosmopolite Coral, \$34; dior.com.





MEET THE BIGGEST BEAUTY PINFLUENCERS

If there's a hair or makeup look trending on Pinterest, odds are one of these three women has something to do with it. Their crazy-popular boards are serious destinations for us editors when we want to restock our shelves. Check out our obsessions.

If you want a personal beauty shopper



The Pinfluencer Dallas Shaw, illustrator Followers 103.9K **Our favorite** board With 800plus pins, "Beauty Bag" is an endless stream of bright polishes and candycolored blushes and lipsticks.

If you live for discovering new beauty brands



The Pinfluencer Satsuki Shibuya, Followers 1.1M Our favorite board "Packaging and More..." holds 226 pins of beautifully designed, hard-tofind buys, like a lavender salve from a New Mexico farm.

If you love creating effortlessly chic hairstyles



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The Pinfluencer Joanna Goddard, blogger of Cupofjo.com Followers 184.4K **Our favorite** board "Hair Inspiration" is just that more than 365 pins of lust-worthy fishtail braids, updos, and lobs.





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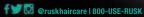


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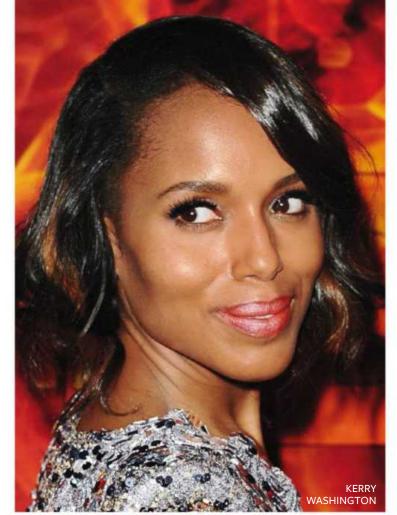






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3 It's cheaper (and less scary) than fillers. Want your lips to appear fuller? Your cheeks less sunken? Correctly applied highlights can do that.

YOU CAN DO Strobing

It's surprisingly easy to master the look. Just follow this insider advice from Executive Editor **Amy Synnott**





GLOW LIKE A PRO

"Less is more," says Barose. The effect, he says, should be more like a softly flickering candle than a glittering disco ball. The diagram below shows you exactly where to place highlights to complement each feature. Just don't do them all at once. The last thing you want to hear is "Nice strobing!"

To lift your brows

Apply a bit of shimmer under the outer third of the brow.

To slim your nose (and face) Blend a dab

down the center of your nose.
Any more will make you look like you've just made out with a slice of pepperoni.



brighten your eyes

Use a tiny brush to paint an icy shadow in a sideways V shape at the inner corners of the eyes.

To make your cheekbones pop

Smile, then place a drop onto the top outer edge of them apples. Hello, bone structure!

To enhance your lips

Swipe a smidge onto the Cupid's bow. Add gloss to the center of the bottom lip for fullness.

My Secret Trick

I have a long face, so my strategy is all about creating the illusion of width by highlighting the outer edges of my cheekbones. If you have a full face, focus more on the forehead, the bridge of your nose, and the middle of your chin.



HUE IT RIGHT



LIGHT

A delicate peach shimmer brightens up fair complexions.

L'Oréal Paris True Match Lumi Liquid Glow Illuminator in Ice, \$13; lorealparisusa.com.



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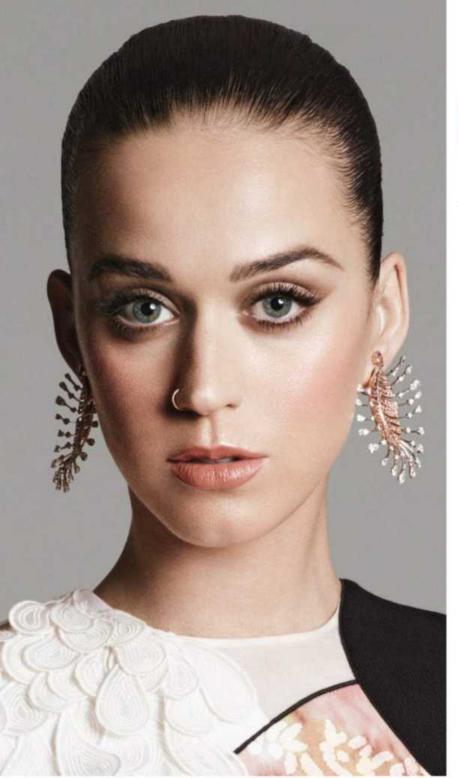
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BEAUTY TALK Katy Perry

The pop star, hair-color chameleon, and fragrance queen reveals her beauty philosophy

It seems as though you are intimately involved in the making of your fragrances. I am, and I'm even matching my hair to the new bottle. I'm such a sucker for a theme. I want to create powerful fragrances that can be a part of people's memories. My last one, Killer Queen, was royal, rebellious, and feminist. And this one, Mad Potion, is more whimsical. It's kind of mysterious and magical.

Speaking of which, if you could be granted one beauty wish, what would it be? I want my lower teeth to be perfect. I never had braces, and it's hard as an adult to commit to them. Those teeth are the bane of my beauty existence. It's like the Rocky Mountains in there.

What's your earliest memory of playing with makeup? It's of my mom just handing me lipstick, saying "Wear a little rouge." You know, she's old-fashioned like that. Later I discovered eyebrows and how they frame your whole face. I didn't overpluck much, thankfully.

Did you color your hair when you were growing up? Not until I was 15. It hadn't really hit on this side of the world. I had, like, a Meg Ryan haircut—a short bob, a shag—and I always had highlights because I'm from California. Now pick a color of the rainbow that I haven't done.

How has your look evolved over the years?

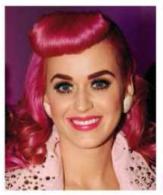
I have so many more tools to play with now. But I still love creating characters and really strong, bold looks. Sometimes when I go out onstage, I feel like a caricature of myself from a cartoon like a living anime character.

Who do you want to be next? Right now I'm in a period of absorbing, of research and development, before I to go into the studio and write the songs I want to write. I'm such a fan of Tumblr, and that's where I get a lot of my ideas. My last green hair color came from Tumblr-well, and Oscar the Grouch. —KAHLANA BARFIELD ➤



IN LIVING COLOR

"I'm naturally squirrel brown—boring brown," says Perry. She first dyed her hair (platinum) at 15, and "it turned out not so great, so I bought a box of black dye from Rite Aid. I've had a colorful life ever since."



2011

"Pink was one of my first forays into vibrant color. It's always so cute and fun. The pompadour was very 1950s, very baby doll. I love borrowing from different eras."



2012

"I was promoting *The Smurfs* at the time, so it seemed like the hair was for that, but it wasn't. My colorist Rita Hazan and I were just having some fun."



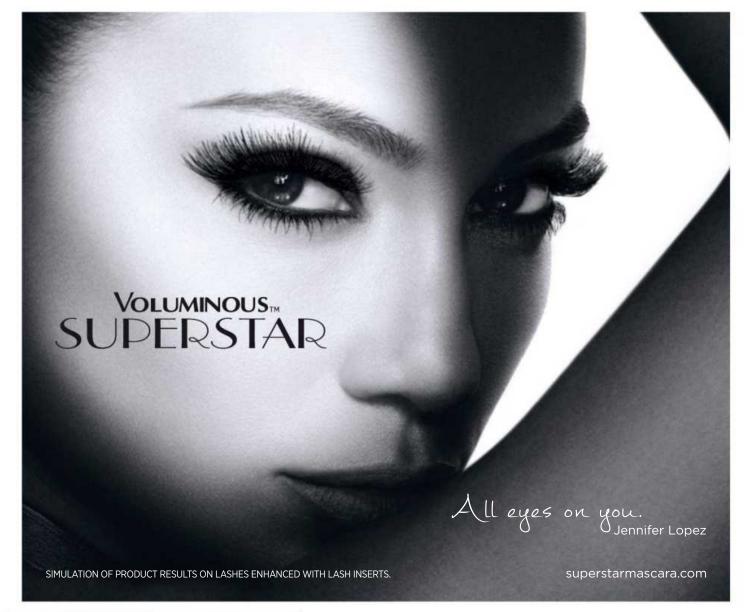
2014

"Slime green is what I called this. It's a hard color to pull off, but I liked to think I made it look chic at times. Although grunge is what I was really going for."



2015

"This style was inspired by Lisa Marie Presley. It's jet-black, short, a little messy, and easy to wear with anything. It's my fake goth look."





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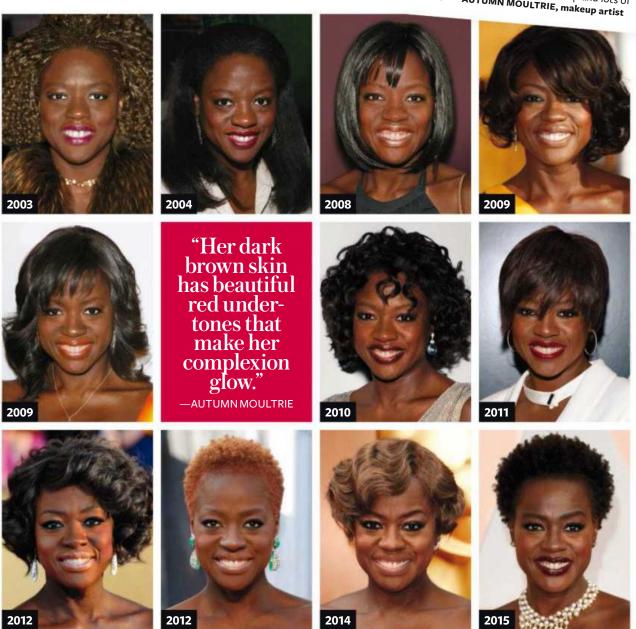


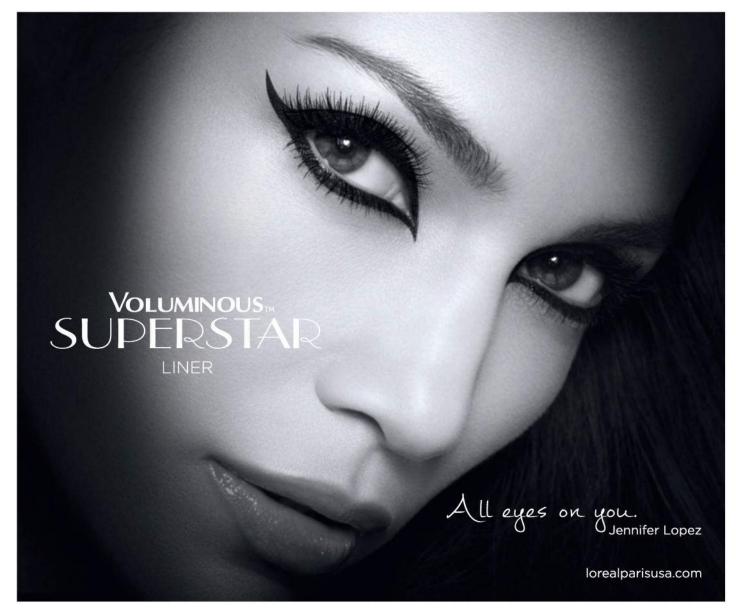
TRANSFORMATION VIOLA DAVIS

During an episode of the hit series *How to Get Away with Murder*, Davis's character removes her makeup, false lashes, *and* wig. The jaw-dropping scene went viral—as did the star's historic win at this year's Emmys. "She wore her hair natural as she became the first black woman to take home the award for best actress in a drama," says hair pro Jamika Wilson. "That look will be immortalized."



"Viola is more a thespian than a glamour girl, but she loves an Old Hollywood look. When she's in my chair, she usually asks for a red lip and lots of lashes." —AUTUMN MOULTRIE, makeup artist







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You may not be able to defy gravity, but you can sure fight it. From smoothing out your décolletage to finding the perfect bra, these doctor-approved tips will keep things looking up

"Remember that UV exposure is detrimental both in the short- and long-term," says San Diego dermatologist Melanie Palm. Burns aside, rays break down collagen (which keeps your bust firm) and elastin (which keeps it lifted). When you apply facial sunscreen with at least SPF 30 daily, don't forget your décolletage. Then skip that 3 p.m. trip to the vending machine. Like the sun, "too much sugar can destroy collagen," says nutritionist Brooke Alpert. Choose antioxidant-rich treats instead, like berries and citrus fruits, which help protect collagen. Avène Hydrating Sunscreen Lotion SPF50+, \$30;



If keeping the poolside cocktails flowing overruled reapplying SPF in your 20s, make up for those sun sins and avoid even more damage by using an antioxidant vitamin C serum every day under sunscreen. "It reduces excess pigment and preserves collagen," says L.A. dermatologist Jessica Wu. To maintain moisture, opt for an anti-inflammatory lotion at night, she says. Expecting? Keep in mind that "a slow weight increase helps prevent stretch marks," says N.Y.C. dermatologist Rosemarie Ingleton, who suggests aiming for no more than 10 pounds over two months.

Dr. Jessica Wu Vivid Intense 15% Vitamin C Serum, \$60; beauty.com. Sisley Intensive Bust Compound, \$285; sisley-paris.com.



If you're not expecting, then you've got a green light to try some of the strongest collagen builders around-vitamin Aderived retinoids—every third night: They help keep skin firm and even out a rough texture, says Dr. Palm. To further tackle discoloration, use an exfoliating glycolic acid lotion daily. If your sun damage is extreme, in-office Intense Pulsed Light treatments (around \$300 per visit) can address both brown and red spots, says Dr. Palm. "You'll see a difference with one treatment, but it's best to do two sessions one month apart," she says. RoC Retinol Correxion Deep Wrinkle Night Cream, \$23; cvs .com. Lancôme Absolue White Aura Brightening Cream, \$250;



That perma-dry feeling you get at this age isn't just annoying: "Dehydration makes crepiness look worse than it is," says Dr. Wu. In the morning, apply a rich moisturizer with hyaluronic acid, ceramides, or omega fatty acids to hydrate and plump. At night, continue using your retinoid, or switch to an amino acidbased peptide cream, which stimulates collagen but is less likely to irritate your already dry chest. If creams don't quite cut it, you can remedy wrinkles and sagging with an in-office treatment like Ultherapy (around \$2,500 per session). "It uses ultrasound to heat and tighten skin and can firm the chest area in one go," says Dr. Palm.

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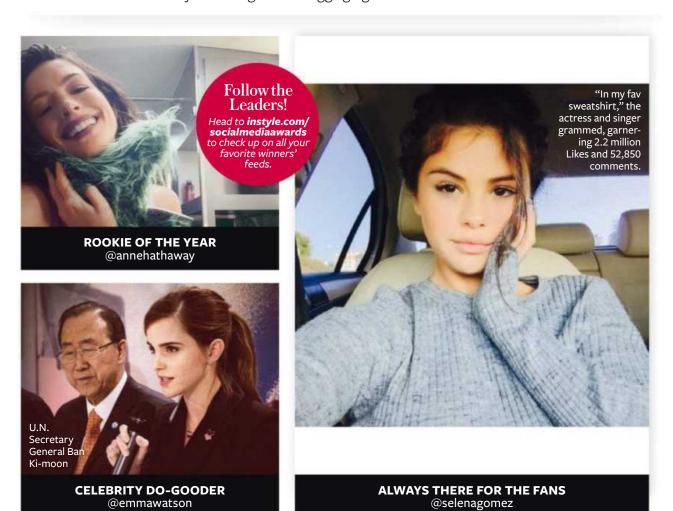
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Rise and Exercise

Commit to 20 minutes of A.M. cardio when you're overwhelmed, says Vancouver wellness expert Susan Biali. According to a University of Vermont study, doing so may help you keep a more positive mood for up to 12 hours. Hold yourself accountable with a device like the Apple Watch, whose activity app tracks progress. To wind down, stretch for 10 minutes before bed. Apple Watch, \$999; apple.com.

Energize with Herbs

To head off stress, start popping adaptogens, says N.Y.C. doctor of integrative medicine Frank Lipman. Studies show that this class of staminaboosting herbs, used for centuries in ayurveda and Chinese medicine, reduces tension and curtails fatigue by stabilizing your adrenal glands. One potent example is ashwagandha. Research has found that supplements containing this Indian plant can reduce cortisol levels (which lead to stress) and increase alertness.

Be Well Adaptogens, \$40/180 capsules; bewellbyfrank lipman.com.



Brooches = instaglamour When in Doubt, Whip Out a Blazer

Elevate your LBD for your next shindig. "Throw on a sleek jacket," says L.A. stylist

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Petra Flannery. "It's both decorative and functional." She suggests looking for a style in a fresh color (like this winter white version on her client Emma Stone) and adding a cluster of vintage brooches on the pocket or lapel (as seen at Prada's fall show) to immediately make it more festive.



Talk It Over

If you're feeling down, don't sulk in silence-phone a friend. "The very act of engaging in conversation can help ease your mind," says N.Y.C. therapist Bea Arthur. The pro founded the digital-therapy platform Inyourcorneronline.com, which provides online counseling sessions with a certified therapist for as little as \$50.



Stage a Gift Shelfie #IRL

Instead of regifting at the last moment, stock covetable items like candles, lotions, and perfumes year-round. Apps also make giving a breeze: Santa's Bag (free; available on iTunes) organizes your list by recipient, item, and budget, whereas Yiftee (free; available on Google Play and iTunes) sends gift cards via email and Twitter. And Giftstarter.com collects money from a group so you don't have to chase anyone down for donations for Grandma's flat screen.

Creed Royal Princess Oud, \$385/2.5 fl. oz.; creedboutique.com. Kiehl's Costello Tagliapietra Crème de Corps, \$48/16.9 fl. oz.; kiehls.com. Omorovicza Gold Shimmer Oil, \$80/3.4 fl. oz.; omorovicza.com. Atelier Cologne Nécessaire Nomade Set, \$45; sephora.com. Fresh Sugar Lip Love Story, \$73; fresh.com. Diptyque Limited Edition Oliban Holiday Candle, \$70; nordstrom.com. Philip B. Russian Amber Imperial Shampoo, \$140/12 fl. oz.; philipb.com. Viktor & Rolf Bonbon Body Powder, \$80; saks.com.



Avoid a Hangover

Open-bar overload?
Oops. Before bed,
N.Y.C. integrative
nutritionist Nikki
Ostrower says, down
a mix of one tablespoon unpasteurized
apple-cider vinegar,
a drop of raw honey,
and a cup of water.
"It'll help break down
the alcohol more
quickly," she says.



Book a House Call

No time to swing by the salon for a post-work, pre-party blowout? Drybar's new at-home service (available in N.Y.C. through the Drybar app) sends you a stylist for \$75. Schedule with a Glamsquad pro in L.A., Miami, or N.Y.C. (free; available on iTunes) to score hair and makeup, starting at \$50. Its digital holiday look book makes choosing a style that much simpler.

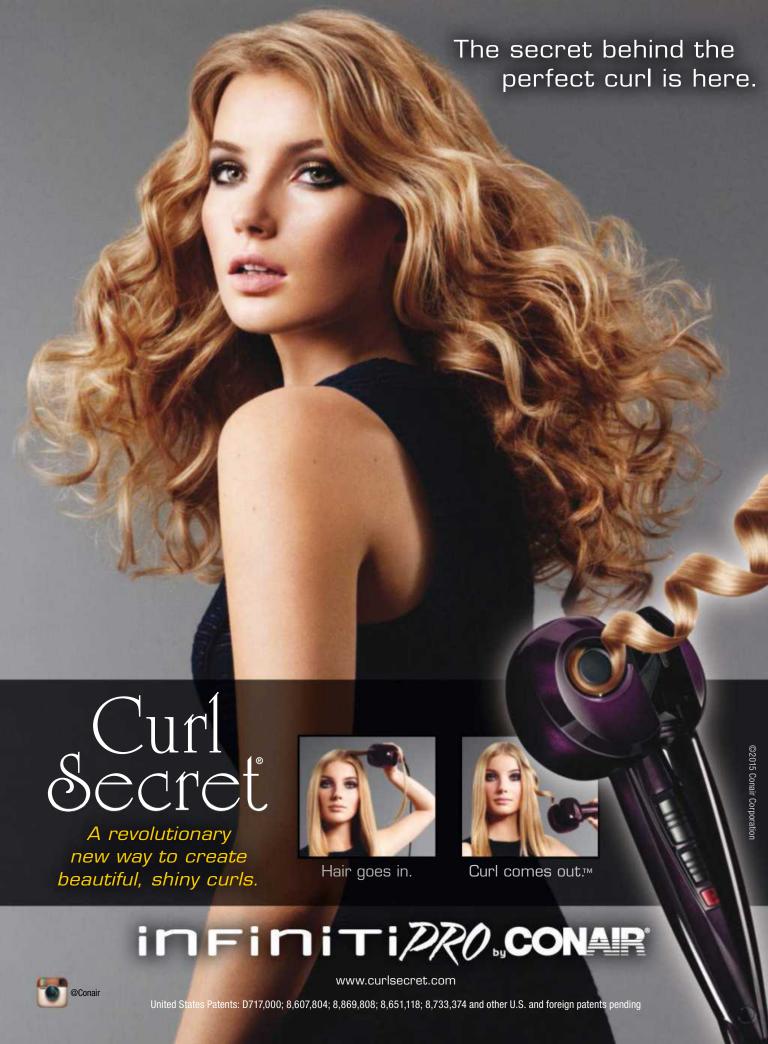


Kick That Cold

Too much carousing and not enough sleep are surefire ways to court a cold. To nip it in the bud, take a 20-minute nightly bath with two to three cups of magnesium-rich Epsom salts and a dash of baking soda, says Victoria Moreno, a doctor of integrative medicine in N.Y.C. "This combination helps to alkalinize your body so you can detox more effectively," she says. Already coughing? Speed up your recovery by drinking copious amounts of fluids and taking a 1,000-mg antiviral vitamin C supplement three times a day, she says.



Fill Up First
Never party hungry. Before you head out, eat a banana. It's loaded with vitamin B6, which "regulates blood sugar and insulin levels," says N.Y.C. dietitian Cynthia Sass. Plus, it helps raise dopamine levels, so you'll be more social butterfly than wallflower. At the event, dig into avocado-rich guacamole. "Good fats make you feel full and give you energy," says London-based food expert Amber Rose. But go easy on the cookies: Sugar increases the stress hormone cortisol, which might make you feel cranky and ready to crash.



Editors'

This month's best beauty finds

"Because the shimmer is so fine in these strobing powders, you get the most elegant, sheer glow."

-ANGELIQUE SERRANO, beauty director





Giorgio Armani Luxe Is More, \$140; armanibeauty.com.

"Hidden under 10 neutral shadows are two concealers and a setting powder. This compact is all I need for a fully polished look. —DIANNA MAZZONE,

beauty assistant

es Saint Laurent Kiss & Love Multi Usage Palette, \$95;



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"You've got brown, orange, and peachy copper shadows that blend beautifully plus a yellow tone that's perfect for highlighting dark skin."

-KAHLANA BARFIELD, fashion and beauty editor-at-large

Jay Manuel Beauty

Intense Color Eye Shadow Quad in Loud, \$24; jaymanuelbeauty.com.

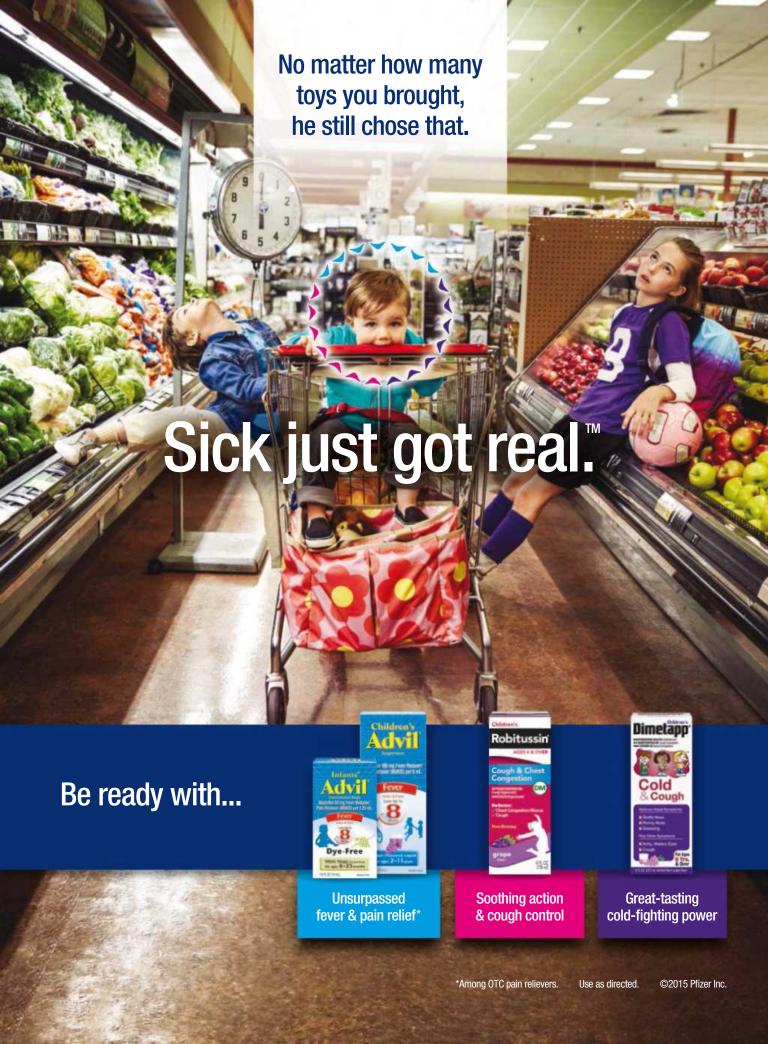
"Between metallic violet and matte mahogany, this palette is seriously breaking me out of my beige shadow rut."

> -MAURA LYNCH, senior beauty editor

LANCÔME

Audacity in Paris Eyeshadow Palette, \$68; lancome-usa.com.





LET'S GET COZY

'Tis the season to dive under a cashmere throw and cocoon yourself in a warm, rich fragrance



Warning: You may covet this Alaïa creation as much as the designer's laser-cut totes. Pink pepper and musk make it plenty spicy, but there's also a surprising lightness from freesia.

Alaïa Paris eau de parfum, \$150/ 3.3 fl. oz.; at Saks Fifth Avenue.

This mellow, gingerspiked mix has a honeyed sweetness that's incredibly addictive.

Jimmy Choo Illicit eau de parfum, \$112/3.3 fl. oz.; at Nordstrom.

Roses add a familiar floral, almost powdery touch to black and white cedar.

Narciso eau de toilette, \$98/3 fl. oz.; bloomingdales.com.

Star anise (a spice with a licorice-like aroma) lifts heavier leather notes with a clean, green quality.

Mugler Les Exceptions Cuir Impertinent eau de parfum, \$225/2.7 fl. oz.; mugler.com.

A blend of amber, tonka bean, and vanilla exudes the faintest hint of incense without coming on too strong.

Van Cleef & Arpels Collection Extraordinaire Ambre Impérial eau de parfum, \$185/2.5 fl. oz.; at Neiman Marcus.

Violet and orris have an earthy edge, which balances out the smooth, creamy sandalwood.

Jo Malone London Orris & Sandalwood Cologne Intense, \$170/3.4 fl. oz.; jomalone.com.

Think you don't care for the tangy scent of **patchouli**? Praline provides a delectable twist.

Donna Karan Liquid Cashmere Black eau de parfum, \$108/3.4 fl. oz.; at Nordstrom.

You can smell lilies and jasmine—but it's amber resins and vanilla that help give this bouquet a deeper, more sensual spin.

Dolce & Gabbana The One Essence essence de parfum, \$115/2.1 fl. oz.; saks.com.

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WINE NOT?

Hey, the holiday season is here! Go ahead and have a sip of Burgundy or merlot. But before you indulge, check out the dark blends these stars keep on reserve



Lay down a deep berry base, then dab a brighter red cream over the center of your lips. "You'll get a pomegranate hue that's superflattering on very fair skin," says Bosworth's pro Pati Dubroff.



HER PICK Dior Addict Lipstick in 951 and 967, \$35 each; dior.com.



Does your medium-fair complexion have a good dose of pink in it? You'll want to cocktail your lipsticks: Use a brush to mix a lighter raspberry with a black cherry, as pro Loren Canby did.



HER PICK Lancôme Color Design Lipstick in Fashion Forward (\$23) and L'Absolu Rouge in Jezebel (\$31); lancome-usa.com.



A semimatte plum "stands out against my golden-beige skin," says the actress, who applied her own makeup here. "A sheerer shade wouldn't have had any impact," she says.



HER PICK Make Up For Ever Rouge Artist Intense in Satin Blackcurrent, \$20; sephora.com.



of chocolate in this raisin bullet work to warm up the yellowgold undertones in Alba's skin, says her makeup artist Daniel Martin.

Hot cocoa,

anvone? Hints



HER PICK Honest Beauty Lip Crayon in Mulberry Kiss, \$18; honestbeauty .com. Dior Contour Lip Liner in #943, \$30; dior.com.



Walk away from cool, blue-based tones and stick to warm, reddish burgundy if you have a caramel complexion. Don't be timid: Two coats give a rich depth, says pro Cindy Williams.



HER PICK Julie Hewett Sin Noir Lipstick, \$24: iuliehewett .com.



For Good's golden-brown skin, makeup artist Autumn Moultrie likes a dense cocoa shade with a touch of red in it. Try highlighting cheeks to offset the matte finish, ensuring the look isn't severe.



HER PICK Nars Pure Matte Lipstick in Volga, \$27: nars cosmetics .com.



Find a bullet that is "eaual parts red and brown," says Union's makeup artist Fiona Stiles. "It really brightens a deep complex-

ion."



HER PICK Mark Lipclick Full Color Lipstick in Whiney, \$11; meet mark.com. Clinique Quickliner Intense for Lips in Chili \$17: clinique.com.



rich, gleaming skin of an eggplant-that's the vibrant purple you're going for, says Aduba's pro Janice Kinjo. A chic, creamy lipstick with a bright sheen makes for a vivid finish.

Think of the



HER PICK BareMinerals Marvelous Moxie Lipstick in Lead the Way, \$18; bare minerals.com.



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How can I get more volume in my hair without zapping the shine?

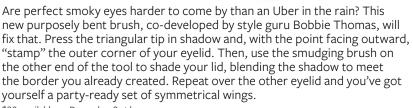
Start by applying a heat protectant before you blow-dry, says Rosie Huntington-Whiteley's stylist George Northwood. His go-to, Redken Pillow Proof, has silicone resins that block dulling heat damage. Next, work in a volumizing cream like Moroccanoil Thickening Lotion, which packs moisturizing oils; it'll add body without any stiffness. Then, finish your style with a hit of hairspray. Try an alcohol-free version, like Pantene's, to minimize the straw-like effect.

Redken Pillow Proof Blow Dry Express Primer, \$22; redken.com for salons. Pantene Pro-V Style Series Airspray, \$7; pantene.com. Moroccanoil Thickening Lotion, \$29; moroccanoil.com.

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Last time I went to the salon, five people worked on my hair. Do I need to tip them all?

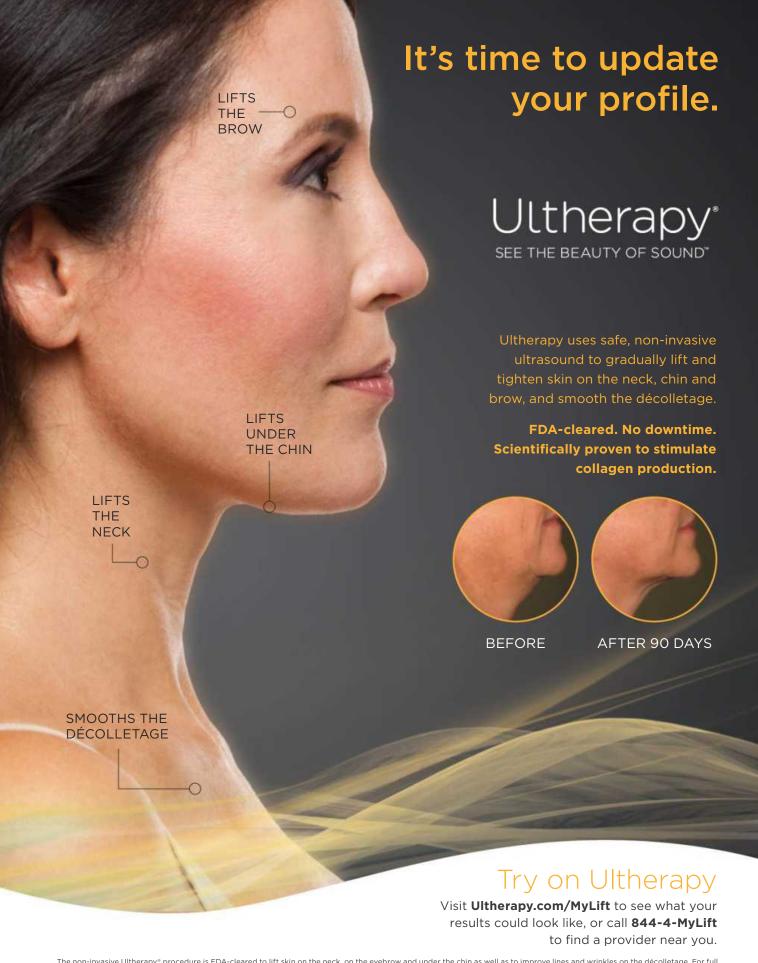
The short answer? Yes. Along with the 15 to 20 percent you reserve for your main stylist, "5 to 10 percent should go to the assistant," says Jeff Vicente, director of N.Y.C.'s Cutler salons. Typically, there should be no more than three sets of hands on your strands in one visit; if there are, mention it to the manager. And consider a holiday bonus for the receptionist who squeezed you in at the last minute whether it's a bigger tip or a bottle of wine, "something special won't go unnoticed," he says.



There's no such thing as a get-out-of-acne-free card, but regularly using products that remove excess oil and kill zit-causing bacteria definitely helps, says N.Y.C. dermatologist Joshua Zeichner. Salicylic acid is an effective exfoliating ingredient, and you can find it in pore-clearing cleansers. Nixing bacteria is a little trickier. Benzoyl peroxide does the job, but in high concentrations it can cause irritation, says Dr. Zeichner. A notable alternative to consider? Sulfur. Kate Somerville's new EradiKate To-Go Acne Treatment (\$22/12; available in January at sephora.com), which combines sulfur with alpha-hydroxy acids, can dry and diminish pimples within a few hours. Plus, the single-use swabs make it easy to apply on the fly.

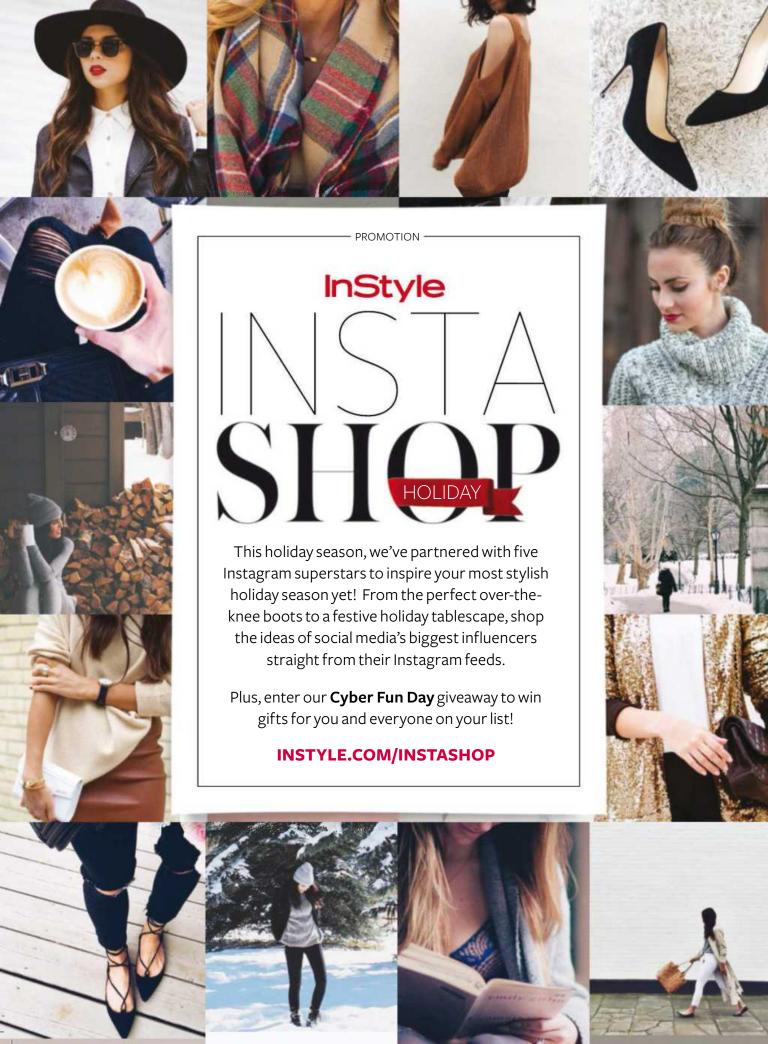






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Make an entrance at your next holiday soirée in this open-back dress from **Laundry by Shelli Segal.** Pair with an ankle-strapped heel and a red lip for the perfect combination of Hollywood glamour and West Coast chic.



PERFECT TIMING

Add a touch of elegance to your holiday look with the **Coach Delancey** watch. Mimicking the softly shaped hardware used on the brand's celebrated handbags, the watch features a fluid mesh bracelet to perfectly accent your holiday party dress.

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Take a well-deserved break from giftwrapping to enjoy your favorite luscious treat. It simply isn't the holidays without a decadent **Lindt LINDOR Milk Truffle** chocolate experience.



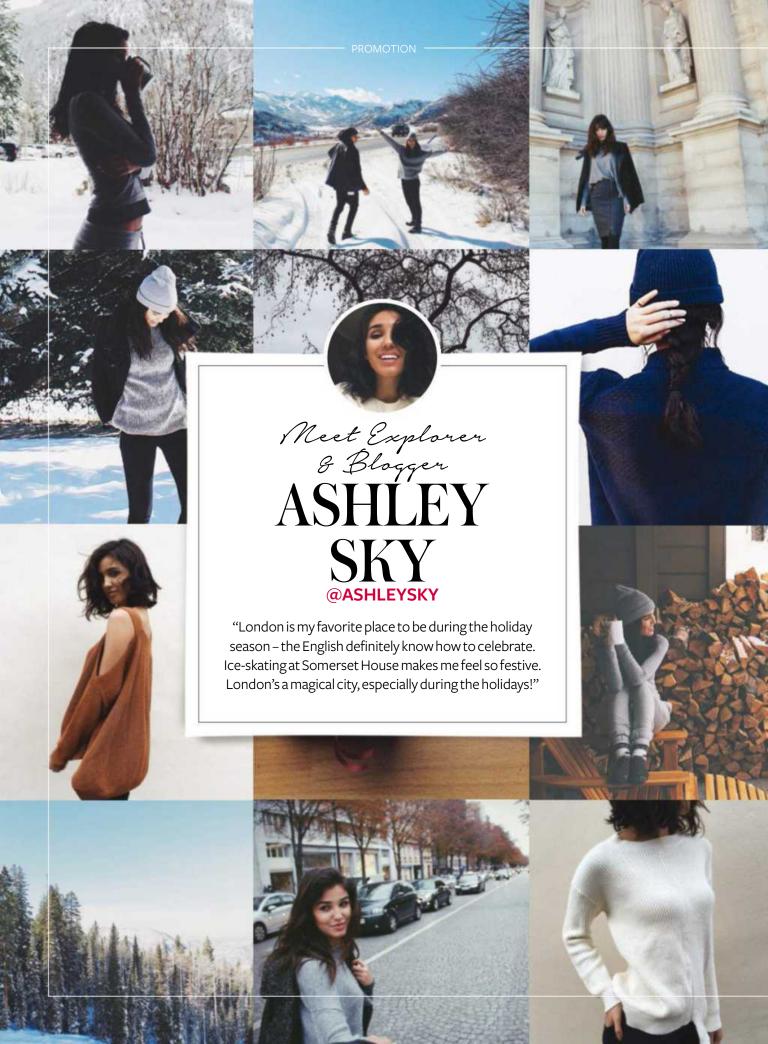
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Put the finishing touches on your holiday party look with this on-trend necklace from **Stephanie Kantis.** Wear it on its own or layer it with other pieces for a personalized touch.



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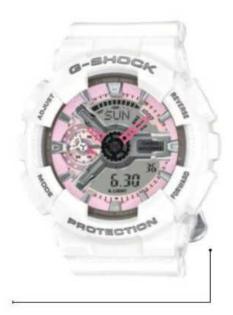
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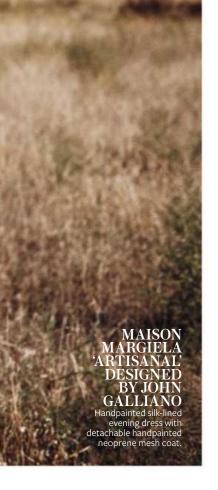




blue skies ahead

You might think the highly publicized dissolution of her l3-year marriage to Gavin Rossdale would slow down this rock-star mom. But with a darling 22-month-old son underfoot, a new album bubbling up, and a booming fashion empire that just keeps expanding (chew toy, anyone?), GWEN STEFANI is marching bravely forward in her stilettos

by SARAH MESLE photographed by JAN WELTERS styled by JOANNE BLADES







Gwen Stefani is cleaning out her closets. At the moment, she's prying open a crate labeled "archives." It's overstuffed and stuck closed; her long, white-painted nails slip on the latch, and she breaks into a wry, red-lipsticked grin as the satiny contents spill out. Everyone has old boxes full of memories. But not everyone's are full of 20 years' worth of iconic costumes. The bags and boxes

crowding Stefani's design studio are a testament to the many phases of her career: first as the lead singer of the band No Doubt, then as a solo artist, a judge on The Voice, and ultimately as a fashion designer. "Look!" she says, leaning over and pulling out a pair of sequined shorts. "This is from David Letterman. And this [grabbing a white-boned corset] is from 'Rich Girl.'" She points to piles of maternity clothes, old "Voice stuff," a costume from the American Music Awards. "I just did a shoot," she says, gesturing toward a pile of designer duds that would make most women quiver in their Manolos. "And they gave me the clothes afterward."

There's a lot to be excited about in this box, but Stefani seems reluctant to dwell on the past-it's almost as if there's something in there she'd rather not let out. Closing the lid and standing up, she projects a kind of defiantly confident glam-rock vibe. Her high-waist J Brand skinny jeans and strappy L.A.M.B. high heels exaggerate her tall, slim figure, while her faded black tank (an "old favorite," she says) reveals glossy blue bra straps. Her famous plati $num \, locks \, are \, twisted \, into \, a \, severe \, topknot; her \, signature$ red lipstick is carefully in place. "I just feel like I've been in this cocoon," she says. "And now I'm ready to burst out with all these new creations."





Stefani has certainly undergone a period of transition. In the past three years, she's had a third child, Apollo (her older sons, Kingston and Zuma, are 9 and 7, respectively), joined The Voice as a judge, and thrown herself into mogul mode, launching a series of new fashion lines: bags, eyewear, shoes, watches. She's almost finished recording a new solo album. Most dramatically, of course, she has filed for divorce from her husband of 13 years, singer Gavin Rossdale.

Stefani's marriage to Rossdale was a high-profile mix of romance, family bliss, and then, still, tabloid drama. For the past few years, media coverage has alternated between snapshots of the happy-seeming couple doting on their adorable children and other images hinting at marital tension. Just this spring, Stefani made head-

lines after her appearance on the Today Show, during which she spoke emotionally of the pride she took in her marriage. "We both want the same thing-to be married, to be good parents," she said at the time.

Fast-forward several months and it's clear the brave front she put on was sometimes that—a front. Though she refuses to discuss exactly what caused her marriage to crumble, she has been using her songwriting to work through her emotions. In October, she released a new single, "Used to Love You," which painfully documents her slippery slide from love to hate. She sings, "I don't know why I cry / But I think it's 'cause I remembered for the first time. / Since I hated you / That I used to love you."

In person, she has the almost overzealous energy of someone who has suffered through a tough decision but is determined to come out stronger. When Stefani mentions

Rossdale in conversation, there's no animosity or ill will, just a suggestion that their union wasn't always easy. "I didn't tour at all," she says of the years leading up to her divorce. "But I did record the No Doubt album, which was super-hard. I was torn the whole time. Every day I would take the kids to school, drive to Santa Monica, work on the album, and then I'd think, Oh my god, if I don't leave by 2:30, I'm not gonna get home in time for dinner. And Gavin being on tour ... I'm not gonna say there weren't some incredible moments making that album. But it was a lot of knocking my head against the wall. A lot of struggle."

Stefani still lives in the house that she and Rossdale once shared: a luxurious but unpretentious modern home in a gated Beverly Hills neighborhood high above Los Angeles. At the moment, the house is full of vibrant activity. Tonight Stefani is launching her line of high-end children's clothing, Harajuku Lovers for Chasing Fireflies, and teams are on hand to organize the show and prep Stefani's look. In the midst of the hubbub, Stefani's cherubic 22-month-old son toddles comfortably, trailed by a babysitter. The mood is one of excitement, not anxiety. She refuses to take credit for the positive mood, but it's clear her attitude is giving it shape. "I beat them if they're not happy," Stefani says jokingly.

Tucked away from the noise is her playful design studio. Hovering over a heavy stone table and low benches are five oversize ceramic Harajuku girl statues mounted on pedestals. Today the "girls," as Stefani calls them, appear to be overseeing a cheerful riot of glamorous clutter; past and present blend together in racks of costumes and clothing samples, glasses, and shoes. On the wall hangs a

> white board with possible set lists for an upcoming show.

> Looking around, Stefani is practical about the mess. She points to three overflowing garbage bags on the floor and rolls her eyes. "I had 15 minutes, so I decided I should go through my closet and pull out everything I'll never wear again. That was a month and a half ago!" She nudges a large white box with her toe and looks up with a shrug. "That's my wedding dress."

> If the iconic pink ombré Dior gown registers to her as anything other than another big box to be filed away, you wouldn't know it from her unfazed demeanor. She casts about for a place to sit down, but every surface is covered. Good-humoredly, she starts clearing debris off a bench. Finally, she relaxes, long legs uncrossed and sprawled, trying to explain how her life has turned around recently. She credits Apollo

at least partly for the positive change. "Getting pregnant, which wasn't planned and was such a miracle, has put me in a whole new spiritual place." But it added pressures too. "I was trying at that time to do more music with No Doubt. Then I got pregnant, and I was like, OK, well, what am I gonna do now? I need to make some changes. There's only so much energy."

Initially, she chose designing. "I wanted to really focus on the brands," she says. But then something unexpected happened: the offer to judge on *The Voice*. "I'd never considered doing that, and just out of nowhere, all of a sudden, I was on it." The call came when Apollo was only 4 months old, "and three months later, I was doing it."

For Stefani, The Voice offered a much-needed musical jolt. "I got so much out of that first season that I didn't expect, creatively, from being around so much music." Working with producer and singer Pharrell Williams,

"I've never considered myself SEXY. I think of myself more as a TOMBOYwith lots of

makeup on.°

with whom she had collaborated years earlier on hits like "Hollaback Girl," helped snap her out of a creative funk. "I did songs with him before, but I was never close to him in the way I am now. When we started working together on The Voice, he was going through this rebirth, having three huge hits at age 40. He helped me with a lot of stuff. I was in a closed-off period before that-I couldn't write, and I didn't feel confident." Stefani chooses her words deliberately, clearly not wanting to sound embittered. "There were hard times before the baby, personally, that were just not good. And then having Apollo, and being on the show, and being refreshedit was just like, Whoa!"

The transformation wasn't easy, and the emotions she went through during that period were complicated. "Filming the show [and mentoring all those singers] was so amazing," she says. "I cried every day I was there. It was so intense. But I'm in a really positive place now."

Stefani is astonished by her creative energy and says she's channeling all of it into her writing. "In June I knew I was ready to make a record; I just wanted it. Every single time I went into the studio, I wrote a song. Every time. That's never happened to me before. Songs don't just come out. And now I think I have the whole record."

The musician, who collaborated on a collection of nail polish with OPI and a makeup line with Urban Decay, has been equally prolific in her design ventures. In addition to bags, eyewear, kids' clothes, shoes, and watches, she launched Harajuku Lovers dog gear (catch a glimpse of her growing empire, opposite). Perhaps her favorite launch? The lipstick she is wearing today—a bright, classic Stefani red with a shiny finish from her Urban Decay set. "You do have to be a little careful with it because it's not matte, but since I'm a professional lipstick wearer, it's not a problem for me."

Looking at Stefani, one can't help but wonder how she reconciles this impossibly glam persona with her identity as a mom. "In the beginning," she admits, "I didn't want to think of myself as a mother. I was like, Wait a minute. Ain't no hollaback girl is who I am!" Stefani leans forward and points at an imaginary audience as she chants her most recognizable lyric, showing off the athletic charisma that made her a star. But she quickly relaxes again into a reflective pose. "I had to learn how to accept it. Being a mother and having a career—those are just different roles you play. You're still the same person you were before, but now you're more because you're a mother too, with a lot to do."

As if on cue, a makeup artist calls from down the hallway; it's time to prepare for tonight's event. Stefani disappears and returns an instant later with Apollo swept up in a tight snuggle. She grabs a pair of sunglasses from the table and strikes a knowing pose. The bold black frames from her new eyewear line are emblazoned with words that capture the moment to a tee: "I am," they say, "modern motherhood." ■





NIGHT/SHIFT

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NINA RICCI Sequined silk dress. Wolford nylon-elastane pullover.

Light up the party in a cool-girl fusion of cozy knits, textured pieces, and mesmerizing embellishments. MAKENZIE LEIGH, who stars in the new drama *James White*, shows us how to pull off the heady mix



 $\underset{\text{Lurex voile skirt.}}{\text{GUCCI}}$

 $Wolford\ pullover.\ Chanel\ metal\ neck lace\ with\ resin\ and\ glass\ pearls\ and\ patent\ calfskin\ heels\ with\ grosgrain.$



MARC JACOBS
Embellished and embroidered wool crêpe dress.



 $CHANEL \\ \textit{Viscose pullover}; foam, plastic, and strass brooch (top); and freshwater pearl, resin, strass, and metal brooches.$



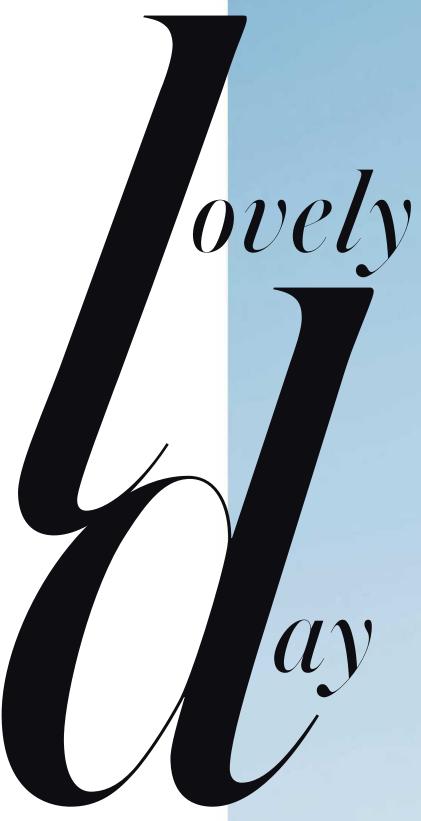
 $\begin{tabular}{ll} SEE\ BY\ CHLO\'E\\ Wool and cotton\ sweater\ and\ polyester-elastane\ pants. \end{tabular}$

ON TARGET

Makenzie Leigh closes one eye and draws back the string of her bow. The 25-year-old is a budding archer, or at least an enthusiastic one. As she stands in Brooklyn's Gotham Archery, wearing black leather Guess jeans, a Relic T-shirt, and black Feit sneakers, her stance is sure, and her focus is sharp. The world melts away: the accolades for her recent roles in The Slap and Gotham; her turn as the love interest of a troubled character in James White; the classes she fits in at Manhattan's New School; the West Village apartment she shares with her boyfriend, a psychiatrist named Daryl; her reading list (currently Alison Bechdel's Fun Home); and her appreciation of cocktails. "It's not a hobby but a necessity," she'll say later, joking. Next up, Leigh appears in Ang Lee's Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk, as a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader who catches Billy's eye. She doesn't think of her growing fame, which she says she's "definitely afraid of," before admitting, "Everything so far has been positive, so it makes me think that I need to just calm down because it's going to be fine." She inhales, exhales halfway, and releases the string. The arrow flies to its mark and hits the bull's-eye, or as close to the bull's-eye as an amateur can rightly expect. But Leigh doesn't seem concerned. After all, she's just getting started. —JEN DOLL

MICHAEL KORS COLLECTION

Sequined silk georgette mesh gown.



It's all bright, graphic patterns and bold, blossoming designs for TESSA THOMPSON, star of the new Rocky film *Creed*, as she showcases the most arresting looks from this season's resort collections

photographed by SERENA BECKER styled by ALI PEW













SIGHT LINES

"What's your name?" asks

the woman standing in front of Tessa Thompson on line at a downtown Los Angeles bookstore. The 32-year-old Thompson sporting a new bob and looking effortlessly gorgeous in a blousey black off-the-shoulder top from Brooklyn's Sincerely Tommy and Neuw men's jeans—shoots back, "What's your name?" It's Monique, and Monique puzzles over whether Thompson is an actress (yes) and whether she has seen her in anything (also yes: Her role in 2014's megahit Selma was one of the highlights of the film). "Happens all the time," Thompson whispers goodnaturedly. Flying under the radar won't be an option much longer as Thompson, who followed up Selma with the Sundance favorite Dear White People, stars as Bianca, an up-and-coming R&B singer, in Ryan Coogler's Creed. "I did a lot of research in hair and nail salons in Philly to get a sense of the vernacular," Thompson says. Today she is still adjusting to both fame and a new haircut. "I just lopped it off," she says. "Now I'm channeling early-'90s Glenn Close. Her femininity wasn't beholden to hair length." With that, Thompson hands the cashier her book—she's picked up a copy of Roxane Gay's Bad Feminist—and checks out.

—DOREE SHAFRIR

MICHAEL KORS

Silk georgette and merino wool pullover,

Faris bronze ring.

COLLECTION

cotton poplin dickey, and silk georgette skirt.





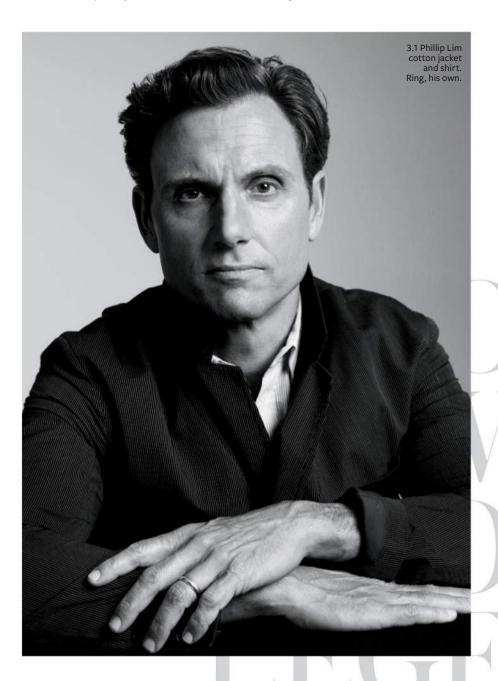
To ring in the season of giving, *Lauren Bush Lauren*, founder and CEO of FEED, sat down with five celebrities for intimate conversations about their passion to change lives throughout the year

NATALIE PORTMAN FREE THE CHILDREN

"The education of a young girl affects so many other things. You can plant this one seed and watch it grow in all different directions. Schooling delays the age at which she'll have her first child and lowers the number of children she chooses to have after that. The result is that all children end up being better sheltered, educated, and fed. Free the Children is incredibly successful because it creates sustainable systems. I visited a site in Kenya where we helped build the first secondary school for girls in the Maasai Mara region. I met some of the graduates, and I felt ashamed of all the times I complained about school because they love it so much. They realize what an opportunity it is. It was a big deal for a lot of men in that village to allow their daughters to take classes, which is a major step toward progress in a patriarchal society. Still, boys in developing nations are more likely to be enrolled in school than their female counterparts. We need to continue to level that playing field until the numbers are equal."

TONY GOLDWYN AMERICARES

"After my wife and I moved to Connecticut nearly 20 years ago, a neighbor invited us to hear about what this Stamford-based organization does. We were blown away. AmeriCares provides \$500 million in aid each year for relief efforts when disasters strike around the world. At the time, very few people knew about the work it was doing, so I saw an opportunity to spread the word. Founder Bob McCauley started the group after the Vietnam War, when there were thousands of South Vietnamese trying to escape the country. A PanAm airliner carrying orphans had crashed, and no one could reach these children. Bob took out a second mortgage on his house, hired a 747, and went to pick up the victims. That really speaks to what AmeriCares does today. Every dollar raised is converted into \$20 worth of medical supplies and humanitarian aid. We're able to multiply the impact of every dollar thanks to strong relationships with pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and health-care providers. I'm so blessed to have access to opportunities, education, and health care that I feel a tremendous responsibility to make sure others, especially those who have been slammed by disaster, have a shot too."



JOHN LEGEND

LRNG +

#FREEAMERICA "I grew up in a family that didn't have a lot of money, but I knew education was a path to success. I started LRNG to help increase the opportunities for our youth. We focus on teaching because it's a critical aspect of how kids experience education. Teachers influence the outcome of time spent in the classroom, but there's little energy that goes into incentivizing innovation. After doing work in schools, I began to see how many parents are incarcerated. Even as crime has gone down, the number of people in prison has gone up over the past 40 years because this nation has raised sentences for all types of nonviolent offenses. **#FREEAMERICA** encourages a conversation about what we can do to bring that rate down. I've talked to inmates and their families. Once you put faces to their stories, you realize we need more humane policies."





KATE HUDSON

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM "For me, activism starts with my kids. When you have children, you're always concerned about their health and nutrition. Then, as you look beyond the walls in which you live, you realize there are so many people who go to bed hungry. Meeting starving infants and their malnourished mothers is almost impossible to bear. The World Food Program has provided meals to nearly 20 million children in more than 60 countries each year, yet there are still more who need to be fed. Now we're really working to supply meals, especially in developing countries, to encourage more girls to go to school rather than work to support their families. The WFP delivers sustenance for students and also gives meal rations to their family members. In addition, we focus on sourcing the food from local suppliers to help farming families continue to work and thrive. But giving back is not just about this particular issue; it's about wanting to be a helpful member of your community and the world in general. I take my sons to volunteer, whether it's supporting the homeless or cleaning up the beaches. The earlier you teach your little ones that we all need to step up and help one another, the sooner empathy starts to build."

FRANCISCO COSTA ACRIA

"I'm homosexual, so the decision to become involved with ACRIA [AIDS Community Research Initiative of America] wasn't difficult. Within two months of moving to New York City from Brazil in the 1980s, I lost two of my close friends to AIDS. It was a traumatic decade for the fashion industry as a whole. So many designers, photographers, and assistants died from the disease—it was devastating. So I feel a responsibility to hold up the flag and say, 'This isn't over. How can we help? How can we create awareness?' ACRIA, along with the nonprofit organization amfAR [Foundation for AIDS Research], has adapted its approach over time to respond to the changes in treatment. For instance, when I became a member of the board 10 years ago, quite a lot of research was directed at prolonging the lives of HIV patients in their 40s and 50s. Now this generation is actually aging with HIV, which is a clear sign of the progress we've made. But the fight hasn't ended yet. Infections are still on the rise, and we're continuing to develop research for new medications. We have about 20 drug trials that have been approved by the FDA, which shows how committed we are and the impact this organization is making. We still have to find a cure, and we most definitely have to protect our youth."







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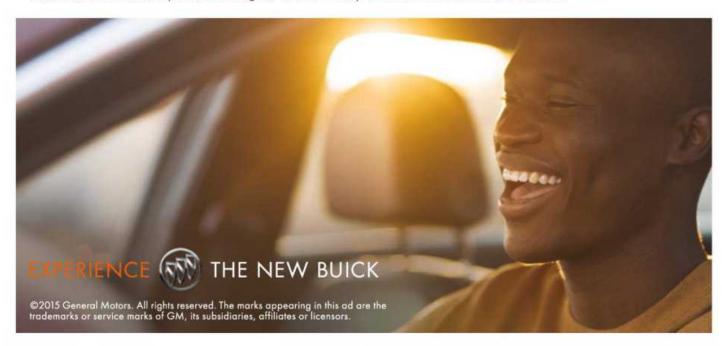
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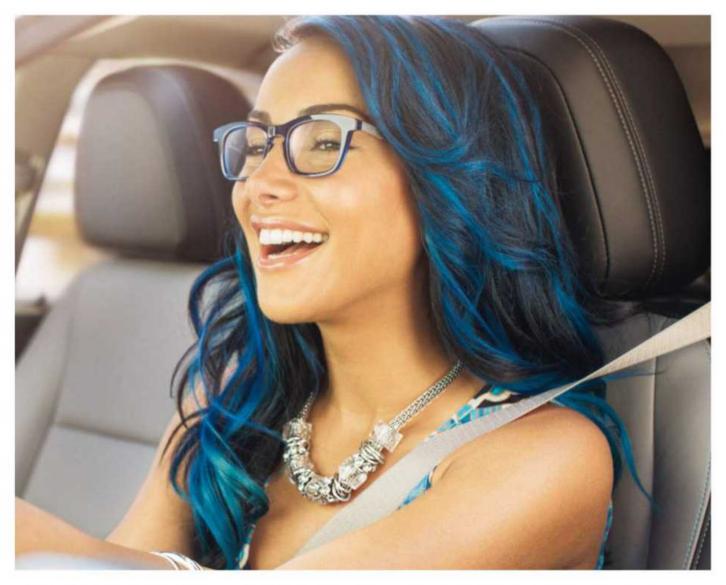
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WRAP RECIPE Begin with a glossy white paper-covered box. Then channel Mondrian, attaching rectangles of black, blue, red, and yellow paper with skinny black tape. Lash on a cord and tie it in a knot.

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Screen-printed linen cocktail napkins, Sideshow Press, \$25/set of 4; sideshowpress.com.



Art case set with 69 pieces (includes oil pastels, watercolors, colored pencils, and markers), Creatology, \$25 each; at Michaels.



Tin with assorted cookies, Sant Ambroeus, \$36/54 cookies;

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Acrylic deco serving trays, Sparrow Lake, \$35 each (23"x 14"); gilt.com.

Herbivore Botanicals Rose Hibiscus Face Mist (\$32), Pink Clay mask (\$48), and Brightening Mask (\$48); herbivorebotanicals.com.



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Cotton beanie, Gap, \$25; gap.com.



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Space rocket egg mold, DOIY Design, \$12; doiydesign.com.



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Fabric crêpe-shop kit with fillings and hot plate, Kiko, \$40; geniusjones.com.



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Concern, \$12 each; shop

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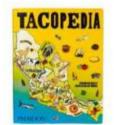
ELF 11-piece makeup-brush set, \$20; elfcosmetics.com.

Cupcake sprinkles by Amy

Sedaris, Fish's Eddy x Beautiful Briny Sea, \$20; fishseddy.com.



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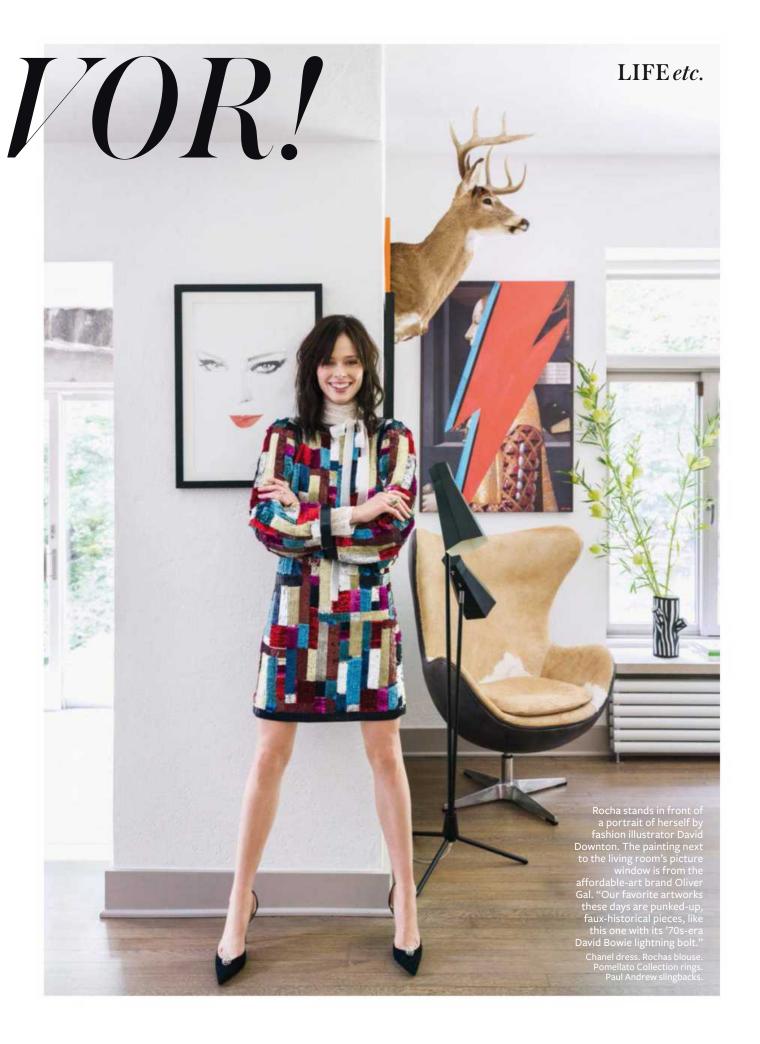


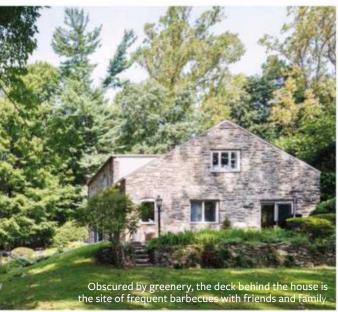


For supermodel and social-media maven COCO ROCHA, home is both a haven and a platform for personal expression, with a blend of modern and madcap design (yup, that's a bust of her head painted fuchsia sitting on the bedside table). The décor is constantly evolving—especially now that baby girl Ioni is on the move

BY JEN RENZI PHOTOGRAPHED BY DEAN KAUFMAN STYLED BY ALI PEW







t's no wonder Coco Rocha has a social-media following that surpasses 16 million. For one, the Canadian-born queen of pose—and self-professed "tech geek"-is flat-out funny. With her cleverly captioned musings on Instagram, Snapchat, Tumblr, and the like ("Doing my best Mary Poppins across Parisian rooftops, #advancedmodelmove," she writes, attaching a picture of herself balancing with arms aloft), she celebrates the dazzle of high fashion but also deflates its hauteur while poking lighthearted fun at herself. She lets us tag along on her whirlwind adventures, whether she's taking us backstage during the Jeremy Scott runway show, launching her new capsule handbag collection for Botkier, or championing her charitable causes and advocacy work. Then there are the *clothes*: candid snaps of her sporting edgy-elegant looks by labels ranging from Banana Republic to Emanuel Ungaro, including a Zac Posen LBD embellished with color-changing LEDs programmed by Google's Made with Code, an initiative that aims to get

Domestic scenes of catnaps, cocooning, and blending kale smoothies unfold in a split-level, three-bedroom stone house the couple purchased about two years ago in leafy Westchester, N.Y. Built in the 1930s, the quaint cottage is a stylistic departure for the duo, who had been

sensation in her own right with 46,000-plus followers.

schoolgirls excited about computer science. Fan favorites, though, are the fly-on-the-wall glimpses of Rocha's home

life with her husband, painter James Conran, and 8-month-old daughter, Ioni—already an Instagram

The couple's home office can be closed off from the living room with a fullheight sliding door. Conran styled the shelves: "He likes very strict stacks, Rocha says. Lanvin dress, blouse, belt, and sandals. Faris ring.

> hunting for a midcentury-modern dwelling until this one caught their eye. "It was the first house we saw onlineand the last one we saw in person," the 27-year-old model recalls. "I kept thinking it was categorized in the wrong location on Trulia: It looked like Ireland, not Westchester!" Reinforcing that impression was the verdant property, a former Rockefeller fishing estate complete with waterfall and babbling brook. The lush landscape was a major selling point, as was the general charm of the place. "We came an hour early for the showing, and the owners invited us in," Rocha explains. "They had a fire going, an old dog was curled up on the floor, and they chatted about how they raised their family here. We were like, 'Done!'"

The pair embarked on a 10-month makeover to brighten the cozy but dark interior. Conran, who's something of a creative multitasker, drew up the plans and









The starburst chandelier in the master bedroom is Ioni's favorite, says Rocha. "If she's fussy, we lay her down on the bed below it and bam! Calm." Rocha's closet is slipped under the eaves on the top floor of the split-level home. "I hold on to clothes. Over the years I've given some things away and regretted it afterward. So now I hoard."

managed the various contractors and carpenters himself. "James actually helped with the design of my very first New York apartment, when I was 18," says Rocha. "We were just friends at that point, but designing together is what brought us closer. It would still be a couple years before we started dating." They have a high tolerance for renovation chaos. Conran's background in mural painting exposed him to the intricacies of the build-out process. And Rocha was practically weaned on a construction site: Her mother, a flight attendant, is a serial house flipper. "She went through four or five houses when I was growing up. Just when one was done and beautiful, she would move on to the next," says Rocha, an only child.

Although the bathrooms and kitchen were fully overhauled, most of the redesign was cosmetic. "We didn't change much architecturally; we preserved the flow of

the house," Rocha says. "It was mostly about paint and finishes." Dark reddish-brown floorboards were stained a serene café au lait color. Tired-looking pink subwaytile windowsills were swapped for a matte-finish limestone. The wall between the dining and living areas was knocked down to create a more expansive main level. The fireplace surround was outfitted with a run of recessed storage hidden behind white-lacquered doors; LED rope above and below, controlled through a smartphone app, emits an ever-shifting rainbow of hues.

High-tech touches aside, the space feels warm and relaxed, with a Venice Beach-meets-Belgian farmhouse vibe courtesy of rich textures, exposed-stone walls, and a preponderance of driftwood tones. Vintage classics like Arne Jacobsen Egg chairs face off against clean-lined traditional pieces, including linen sofas and cane-backed

Louis XVI-style fauteuils that surround a trestle-base dining table. Decorating took some time to jell, as they were beginning almost from scratch. "All the furniture from our old apartment looked too small here." notes Conran. The couple's taste has also shifted over the years; as a result, their family handme-downs and Rocha's girlier pieces felt out of place. "They're now relegated to the guest bedroom ... where shabby-chic goes to die," Rocha says, laughing.

The décor is never static, especially the color palette, which started off as a muted combination of creams, grays, and whites. The neutral scheme was deliberate. "Because there are so many windows, we didn't want to compete with the view. With the foliage and wildflowers, there's a lot going on outside," says Rocha. "Plus, color trends in houses change just as fast as clothing trends do." When Ioni was born, though, the doting parents realized the space needed a bit more pizzazz-"to be more fun, less stoic." They bought neon accessories and embellished others with fluorescent washi tape, which, thankfully, is removable. "James is Mr. Artsy. So once he gets something in his head, he goes to town," says Rocha. "But it got to the point

They also introduced color with their burgeoning art collection. Even the kitchen, with its framed Yves Saint Laurent sketches, has a gallery feel. "Artwork changes the whole room," says Rocha, noting that it can be rotated for near-constant reinvention. "For the longest time we had a problem committing to locations. Pieces would sit on the floor forever before we'd hang them, and then we'd get bored or inspired and move things around." Recently, they've been acquiring pop-inflected street art. Works by Banksy and Mr. Brainwash adorn the walls of the home office. In one corner of the living room is a silk screen by Montreal graffiti maestro Stikki Peaches, which Rocha received from the artist after she Instagrammed herself in front of one of his murals in N.Y.C.

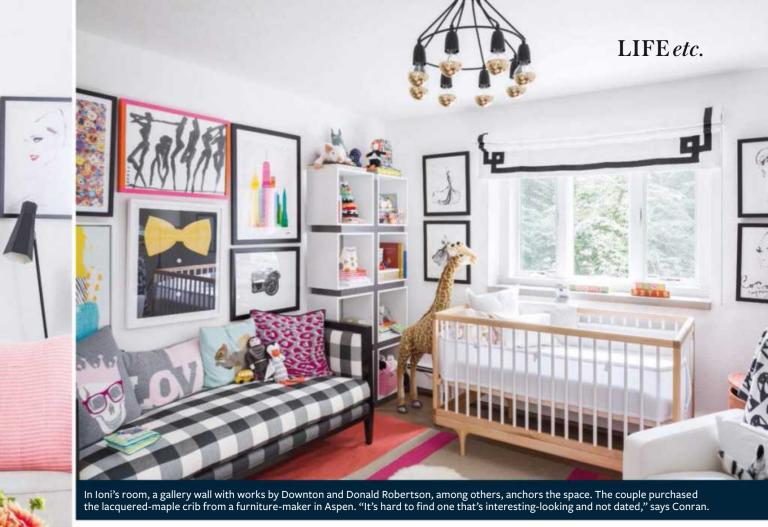
with the tape when I had to say, 'You need to calm down.'"

Other pieces have similarly engaging connections. There's the signed magazine cover of Rocha by her friend Ellen von Unwerth; a portrait of her by Steven



Meisel, a wedding gift from him; and a supersize signed photograph of the model that Karl Lagerfeld shot for a Coca-Cola ad campaign. Blowups from lensman Steven Sebring's 2,000-plus-page tome, *Study of Pose*, featuring Rocha-a trained dancer-line the staircase; they were shot with a state-of-the-art 360-degree camera rig. "We had a rule at the beginning: James doesn't like having any of his own paintings up, and I don't like having photographs of me. But somehow James started collecting and hanging these, and now they are all over the house." ("But none of them are super-obvious," he protests.)

Apparently, Rocha will have to ride it out until the baby is old enough to start producing her own abstract expressionist canvases. "I can't wait to teach Ioni how to paint," says Conran. Rocha doesn't miss a beat: "Hello, teach me how to paint!" she says. Watch out, world—it looks like the multidisciplinary model is about to master yet another medium. ■



The Bright Stuff

Rocha and Conran livened up their largely neutral décor scheme by layering in acid hues and fluorescent tones. In some cases, the color comes from textiles and tchotchkes, but in many instances pieces got the DIY treatment from the creative homeowners. Here are three smart ways they perked up their space.

Highlight objects with vibrant tape. Book spines and geometric accessories can benefit from a strategic placement of bold color. Rocha and Conran use Japanese washi tape to do just that and love that it can be easily removed and tweaked later. Find a funky rainbow of tape options at Amazon.com.

Choose accents with

punch. The Jeff Koonsinspired balloon dog adds an eye-catching dose of metallic purple to a bookshelf. Pillows and throws are also lowcommitment color vehicles.

Play with pigment. Conran spray-painted a white skull hot pink to make a quirky objet d'art. Try Krylon's Short Cuts Aerosol Paint (\$5/3 oz.; joann.com).





Moments to Treasure

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This holiday season, I'll modify my famous tiramisu recipe to use Milano cookies in lieu of ladyfingers.









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BOLD TO SATISFY









Gold STANDARD

With this modern Midas touch, an opulent holiday spread twinkles with hints of warm metals and soft cream.

CREATE A WORLD

A sculptural, clean-edged look defines this glittering array. Skip traditional floral arrangements, and opt instead for dramatic magnolia branches (spray them lightly with metallic paint for unexpected glimmer). Matte white pottery and serving pieces with stripes of brushed gold form a

textured mix. Small details make all the difference here, like cocktail picks capped with tiny metallic balls or tapered candles that look like they've been dipped in molten gold. Geometric tree ornaments placed along the table's surface add visual interest.

Wine bucket, \$50; crateand barrel.com. Wire ornament, \$5; cb2.com. Party picks, \$12/24; acmepartybox.com. Taper candles, \$8/4; worldmarket.com.

DISH UP THE DELIGHTS

Indulge your friends with the good stuff. Go for luxe bites, from a tower of shrimp and mini caviar-topped blinis to slabs of white and dark chocolate broken into shards. Stock your bar with anything bubbly.

Dark and white chocolate blocks, Valrhona, from \$113/ 7 lb.; gourmetfoodworld.com. Crystal serving bowl (\$220) and base (\$150); finell.co.

OFFER AN ACTIVITY

Gild your guests, setting out a range of metallic temporary tattoos, including bands of golden leaves and delicate chains. Your pals will flip for their sparkling jewelry. Gold tattoos, from \$22/12; luludk.com.

GIVE GIFTS TO GO

Send friends off with a little sack of gold-foil-wrapped chocolate balls, which you can buy in bulk and tie up in a cellophane pouch.

Chocolate marbles, \$8/lb.; economycandy.com.

Enchanted FOREST

Filled with foliage, overgrown greenery, and sweet forest friends, this exuberant tableau is as lively and lush as any fairy-tale fantasy.

CREATE A WORLD

CREATE A WORLD
For a look that's wild and wooded, use live moss as a runner, or plant some in a grouping of clay pots. Cluster maidenhair ferns, and make a mini still life under a glass cloche to display pomegranates and wooden mushrooms (the more faux, the better!). Layered tree-trunk slabs are a rustically romantic way to boost your table's profile. And

why not let a little woodland creature or two make this place their natural habitat? \$48; surlatable.com. Wooden block (\$8/5½" round), glass cloche on wood base (from \$23), and wooden mushroom (\$22); jamaligarden.com. Por-celain animal LEDs, \$9 each; worldmarket.com. Stoneware pitcher, \$295; farmhouse pottery.com

DISH UP THE DELIGHTS

Charm guests with scrumptious fare, like shiny caramel apples, mulled wine with cinnamon stick stirrers (clear glass mugs play up the earthy color), and cupcakes garnished with chocolate leaves. Sprinkle acorn chocolates on the table as if they've just dropped onto the forest floor.

Cupcakes, \$35/12; george towncupcake.com. Acorn chocolates, from \$6/6; shop terrain.com.

OFFER AN ACTIVITY

Surely every tree sprite needs a leafy crown. These make-it-

yourself kits beautify and bemuse adults and kids alike. They double as décor, bringing whimsy to the table with velvet leaves, trailing satin ribbons, and tiny mushrooms.

DIY crown kit, \$29; acmepartybox.com.

GIVE GIFTS TO GO

Emerging from the thickets, iced shortbread bunnies, deer, and leaves carry sweet memories of a midwinter night's dream. Cinch up a few in individual bags with twine to make them with twine to make them road-ready.

Woodland cookie assortment, \$40/box of 12; elenis.com.





Great taste is in our nature.





CREATE A WORLD

The key to getting this look right is to be utterly strict with the colors of your serving pieces, so stick to black, white, and gray. Line up marbleized bowls (we turned one upside down to vary the display height) next to cake stands, and tuck small bunches of white flowers, like anemones, in vases. Swirly-patterned balloons tied with matching baker's twine keep the mood from getting too serious.

Ceramic cookie stand, \$165; simplelifeistanbul.com. Alabaster bowl, from \$195; annanewyork.com. Planter (holding flowers), Tina Frey, from \$30; store.dwell.com. Balloons, \$10/8; knotandbow .com. Marble cake stands, from \$295; kellywearstler.com. Marble fruit bowl, \$50; crate andbarrel.com.

DISH UP THE DELIGHTS

Tricky treats mean guesswork. Instead, go with a classically inspired spread that's simply

rich and enticing. Cheese, prosciutto, dark red grapes, and ripe figs play beautifully within this color scheme, and it's the ideal theme for oldtime favorites like black-andwhite candy swizzle sticks and iced cookies. And, of course, it all works so well with both red and white wine.

Hard-candy sticks, Gilliam, \$16/80; candywarehouse.com.

OFFER AN ACTIVITY

A brimming bowl of letter beads plus a spool of cord

spells good times. Invite guests to make bracelets a crafty icebreaker!

Plastic alphabet-block beads, Bead Landing, \$5/400 pieces; michaels.com.

GIVE GIFTS TO GO

Oversize chocolate bars are a decadent take-home treat, and the packaging from this Japanese variety adds an industrial-cool vibe to your display. Black chocolate bar, \$8; royceconfectusa.com.

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I love to give friends wine, but I am ready to upgrade my presentation. Can you help?

When it comes to stylish wraps for a bottle of vino, the choices are more tantalizing than ever. For a laid-back affair, try a craft-paper sleeve telegraphing a cheeky New Year's mantra. Preppy pals will adore a customized linen sack printed with a monogram or phrase (up to 12 letters; plan ahead—delivery takes five to seven days). And a handpainted, marble-patterned bag is perfectly in step with the design world's current fascination with beautiful, swirly stone surfaces. Stock up on a few so you're always set to accept an invitation with a thoughtful gift in hand. Paper sleeve, Easy, Tiger, \$2; cardsforawesomepeople.com. Linen sack with grosgrain ribbon, Mark and Graham, \$16; markandgraham.com. Paper bag, HomArt, \$5; areohome.com.

I want to begin the day with a smoothie, but the preparation is so labor-intensive. Any shortcuts?

Sounds too good to be true, but you can have a vitamin-packed smoothie in less than a minute. Daily Harvest, a new foodsubscription service, sends frozen, ready-toblend mixes right to your door. Choose from 14 flavors—there's Berry Brightener (shown here), Chocolate Lovahhh, Green Monkey, and more. Pour the medley of fruits, veggies, and superfoods into a blender with, say, a cup of coconut water, and give it a whirl.

Assorted smoothies, Daily Harvest, starting at \$40/6 servings; daily-harvest.com.





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I Am That Girl . . . Amanda Seyfried

InStyle has teamed up with the nonprofit organization I Am That Girl to chat frankly with celebrities about issues affecting girls' self-esteem. Here, actress Amanda Seyfried, who is also the face of Givenchy perfume and Clé de Peau Beauté, opens up about living with OCD, how expectations are overrated, and what she thinks of Mean Girls a decade later.

You have incredible style that you express on the outside, but there are so many intangibles that make us beautiful too. What quality do you rock inwardly?

Compassion. I think it's important for people to get on

the same level with others and not be judgmental, even though it's really hard sometimes. It's just as easy to have a positive effect on someone as it is to have a negative one.

At age 30, you have so many achievements under your belt. This month you're starring in your 27th film, Love the Coopers. Do you view yourself as a role model? I'm definitely



aware of it. A few times a day young girls will come up to me and ask for a picture. Sometimes I read the comments on my social-media feeds, so I see that people notice me. It's a good reminder that there's so much more I could be doing.

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment? One of the things I like most about myself is that I have no expectations. That may sound sad, but it's gotten me through some tough times during adolescence and in my career. Of course I have dreams and goals, but I don't expect people to hire me, and I don't plan for my life to go in a certain direction. No form of success will feel like a big deal if you expected it.

Tell us a little more about getting through those rough

times when you were younger. What's a challenge you've had to cope with? I have obsessive-compulsive disorder. It doesn't affect me as much as it used to because I've developed habits that keep it at bay. In some ways it has helped my acting career, but in a lot of others it's just not fun. I have so much inner tension that I release by painting abstract watercolors. I even have a room dedicated to crafts in my house. I've been doing it for years, and it's a form of meditation for me.

You got your big break playing Karen Smith in Mean Girls, a movie that still resonates more than 10 years later. What kind of an impression do you think it made on teenage girls? I had just finished high school when I filmed that movie, and I think it had a strong impact because it made fun of jerks. It mocked the Regina Georges of the world—the power-hungry,

"We should all ask ourselves, 'How sensitive am I to other people's pain?'" selfish, and deeply insecure girls who prey on the weak for popularity or self-gain. The message you should take away from the movie isn't "I want to be Regina." You should want to be Cady Heron or Janis Ian.

If you could tell every Cady

Heron of the world one thing, what would it be? You are enough. Feeling like you're not is an epidemic. It's why relationships—with friends and with significant others—are so hard for so many people. Where's our self-worth, and why can't we find it in ourselves? We shouldn't have to look to others to make us feel needed. —EMILY GREENER, co-founder and CEO of I Am That Girl

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